

Message

From: Emily Holden [eholden@politico.com]
Sent: 4/10/2018 10:00:54 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Chat?

Got it and asked for an update, thanks for sending

Emily Holden
Reporter, energy/climate

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eholden@politico.com

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From: Jackson, Ryan [mailto:jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 5:51 PM
To: Emily Holden <eholden@politico.com>
Subject: RE: Chat?

We are sending this momentarily.

EPA STATEMENT: **"We do not comment on personnel matters. The action today was based on a recommendation by the Office of Administration and Resources Management. I am not aware of any connection between the personnel matter and the document mentioned in media report."**

– Donna Vizian, EPA Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator

From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 3:31 PM
To: Emily Holden <eholden@politico.com>
Subject: Re: Chat?

Yes I'm in a cab presently. Will call you.

Ryan Jackson
Chief of Staff
U.S. EPA

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On Apr 10, 2018, at 3:30 PM, Emily Holden <eholden@politico.com> wrote:

I understand. Can you call me or give me a direct number to reach you?

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From: Jackson, Ryan [<mailto:jackson.ryan@epa.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 3:28 PM
To: Emily Holden <eholden@politico.com>
Subject: Re: Chat?

Yes. It's sensitive because it's a personnel matter.

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U.S. EPA

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On Apr 10, 2018, at 3:17 PM, Emily Holden <eholden@politico.com> wrote:

Hey, of course. Always happy to talk if you think things over there aren't being represented fairly in stories.

Can you talk about [Ex. 6] your role in his dismissal?

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From: Jackson, Ryan [<mailto:jackson.ryan@epa.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 10:29 AM
To: Emily Holden <eholden@politico.com>
Subject: RE: Chat?

I just wanted to let you know I appreciate you correcting the record from the Atlantic piece. Raises aside, that exchange reported in that story just never happened. I appreciate the opportunity to clarify that.

From: Emily Holden [<mailto:eholden@politico.com>]

Sent: Monday, April 9, 2018 4:40 PM

To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>

Subject: Chat?

Hi Ryan—reaching out to you in light of the new Atlantic piece. Can you chat?

Thanks,

Emily

Emily Holden

Reporter, energy/climate

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From: Barlow Richardson, Michelle (Wicker) [Michelle_Richardson@wicker.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/5/2018 1:15:46 AM
To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Pruitt record

Got it.

Michelle B. Richardson
Chief of Staff, US Senator Roger Wicker

From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 8:24 PM
To: Barlow Richardson, Michelle (Wicker)
Subject: RE: Pruitt record

One more piece of information.

From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Tuesday, April 3, 2018 3:40 PM
To: 'Barlow Richardson, Michelle (Wicker)' <Michelle_Richardson@wicker.senate.gov>
Subject: Pruitt record

Michelle, as an EPW authorizer, I'm sure your boss will receive questions concerning Pruitt. We are trying to keep things on the record over the past year. Happy to answer any questions about anything and hope the attached and following help your office with both.

"In just one year, we have made tremendous progress implementing President Trump's agenda by refocusing the Agency to its core mission, restoring power to the states through cooperative federalism, and adhering to the rule of law," **said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt**. "The American people can now trust that states and stakeholders will be treated as partners, and regulations will provide clarity, not confusion."

The sum of these actions is monumental: In year one, ***EPA finalized 22 deregulatory actions, which could save Americans more than \$1 billion in regulatory costs.***

By the Numbers:

✓ IMPLEMENTING EXECUTIVE ORDERS (E.O.): EPA quickly acted on President Donald Trump's E.O. to review the 2015 definition of "Waters of the U.S.;" President Trump's Energy Independence E.O. to propose a repeal of the so-called "Clean Power Plan;" and President Trump's "Regulatory Reform" E.O. 13777 by finalizing two deregulatory actions for each regulatory action – with ZERO net costs to the U.S. economy.

✓ REGULATORY REFORM: 22 deregulatory actions were finalized, which could save more than \$1 billion in regulatory costs; EPA also initiated work on an additional 44 deregulatory actions and announced the reconsideration of over a dozen overreaching and burdensome regulations.

✓ OUTREACH: Administrator Pruitt consulted with 95 bipartisan members of Congress, 34 bipartisan governors, visited 30 states and U.S. territories, and met with over 350 stakeholder groups.

✓ AIR: EPA acted on 322 State Implementation Plans (SIPs) and turned one Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) into a SIP each month since March 1, 2017.

✓ WATER: 3,000 Total Maximum Daily Loads were approved and EPA focused on the priority water bodies selected by states. EPA also: cut the amount of time it took to review state water quality standards in half (from 120 days to 60); committed \$25 million in water infrastructure loans; disbursed \$8.9 billion in State Revolving Funds to improve our nation's water quality; and awarded \$100 million to Flint, Michigan for water infrastructure upgrades.

✓ LAND: Seven contaminated sites were eliminated, substantially or entirely, from the National Priorities List (NPL) of contaminated sites; only two sites were removed the previous year. EPA also awarded \$60 million in Brownfields cleanup grants to local communities.

✓ CHEMICALS: 600 new chemical submissions were stuck in the Agency's backlog as of January 2017; EPA cleared the backlog and ensured that all new chemicals coming to market received a safety determination within about 90 days.

✓ ENFORCEMENT: In FY17, \$1.6 billion was collected in administrative and civil judicial penalties, higher than any of the previous ten years, other than FY16, which included one \$5.7 billion action taken. EPA also celebrated an increase in the value of commitments by private parties to clean up land to more than \$1.2 billion, an increase in the total of criminal fines, restitution and mitigation to \$2.98 billion, and an increase in the value of actions to improve compliance to nearly \$20 billion. For full review click [here](#).

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Message

From: Russell, Richard (EPW) [Richard_Russell@epw.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/22/2018 3:50:05 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]; Lyons, Troy [lyons.troy@epa.gov]
Subject: RE:

Great.

From: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2018 11:12 AM
To: Russell, Richard (EPW) <Richard_Russell@epw.senate.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>
Subject:

I received notice that Chad McIntosh, our AA for OITA, is been precleared. Hopefully that means he'll be announced today or tomorrow. So I think it would be safe to talk about a nomination hearing with both he and Peter Wright in the near future.

I have OSCPP and OARM in the pipeline, but they will not be announced soon.

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Message

From: Dimitri.Karakitsos@hklaw.com [Dimitri.Karakitsos@hklaw.com]
Sent: 3/7/2018 5:24:20 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: EPA Meets Another TSCA Milestone, Releases Draft Strategy to Reduce Animal Testing

Both quotes are great. Make sure you send to Jackie.

Dimitrios Karakitsos | Holland & Knight

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From: Jackson, Ryan [mailto:jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2018 11:33 AM
To: Karakitsos, Dimitrios J (WAS - **Ex. 6**) <Dimitri.Karakitsos@hklaw.com>
Subject: Re: EPA Meets Another TSCA Milestone, Releases Draft Strategy to Reduce Animal Testing

Nice quote though right?

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On Mar 7, 2018, at 11:12 AM, "Dimitri.Karakitsos@hklaw.com" <Dimitri.Karakitsos@hklaw.com> wrote:

Big day!

Dimitrios Karakitsos | Holland & Knight

Partner

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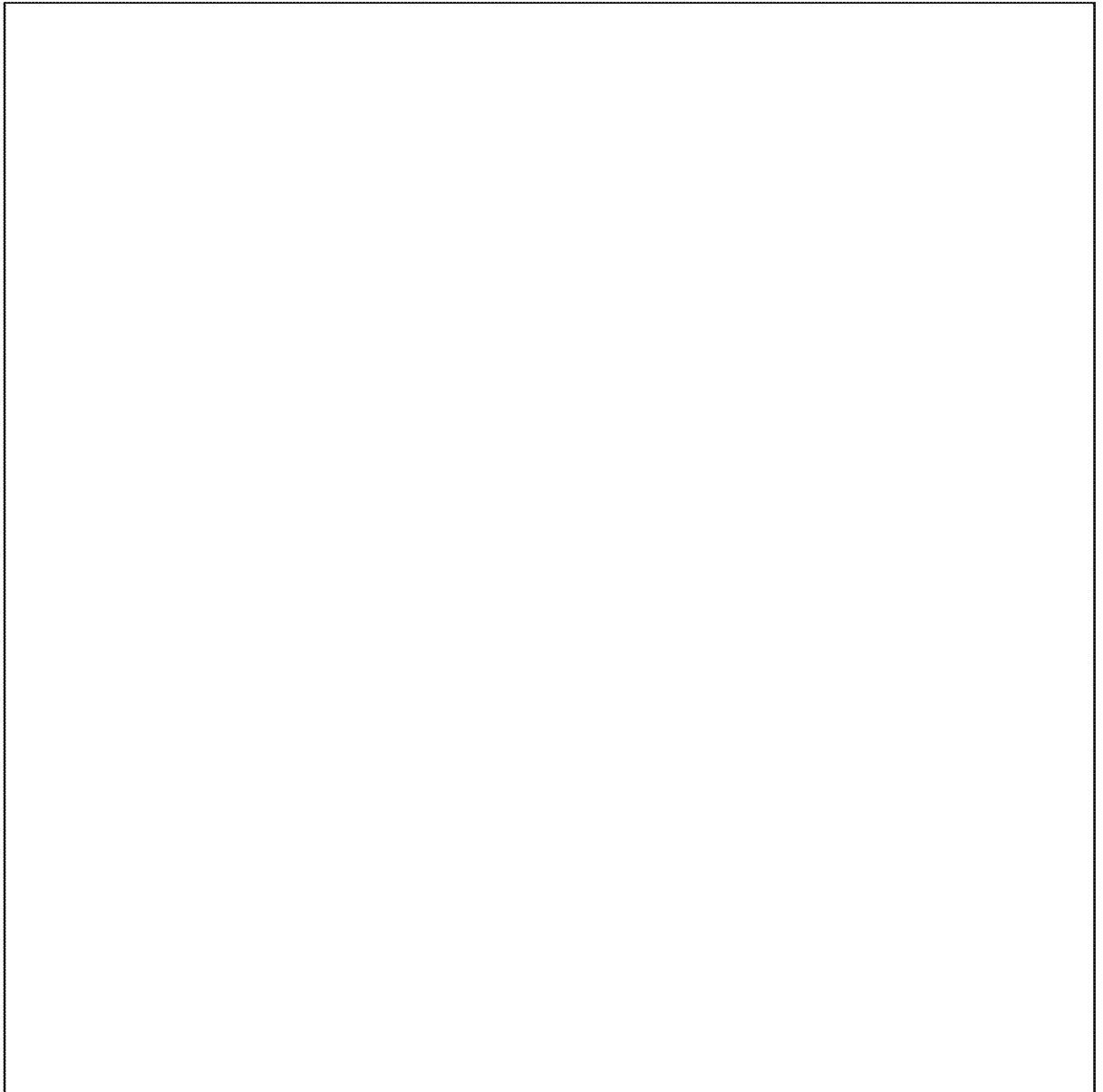
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From: Jackson, Ryan [<mailto:jackson.ryan@epa.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2018 11:05 AM
To: Karakitsos, Dimitrios J (WAS **Ex. 6**) <Dimitri.Karakitsos@hklaw.com>
Subject: FW: EPA Meets Another TSCA Milestone, Releases Draft Strategy to Reduce Animal Testing

From: EPA Press Office [<mailto:press=epa.gov@cmail19.com>] **On Behalf Of** EPA Press Office
Sent: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 10:15 AM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: EPA Meets Another TSCA Milestone, Releases Draft Strategy to Reduce Animal Testing



**EPA Meets Another TSCA Milestone, Releases Draft Strategy
to Reduce Animal Testing**

WASHINGTON (March 7, 2018) — Today, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is releasing a draft strategy to reduce the use of vertebrate animals in chemical testing for public comment. This fulfills another milestone the Agency has met under the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act, which amended the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA).

“This draft strategy is a first step toward reducing the use of animals and increasing the use of cutting-edge science to ensure chemicals are reviewed for safety with the highest scientific standards,” **said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.** “EPA is committed to working with animal welfare groups and other groups to produce a sound, effective plan in line with the law.”

“We welcome the draft strategy as a progressive step to reduce and ultimately replace the use of animals to regulate chemicals in the U.S. through the implementation of TSCA reform,” **said Catherine Willett, director of science policy at The Humane Society of the United States.** “We have every indication that EPA intends to make good on this unprecedented opportunity to not only reduce animal use, but improve the science used to evaluate chemical safety.”

Under the Lautenberg Chemical Safety Act, EPA is required to develop a strategy to promote the development and implementation of alternative test methods and strategies to reduce, refine or replace vertebrate animal testing by June 22, 2018. The draft document incorporates input from a November 2017 public meeting held on the development of the draft strategy, as well as written comments submitted after the meeting, and draws upon EPA research on test methods.

The draft strategy follows the progress EPA has made finalizing three important rules and proposing a fees rule as outlined by the Lautenberg Chemical Safety Act. EPA is working diligently to implement the new law, the first major update to an environmental statute in 20 years, and get the most modern and safe chemicals to market quickly in order to provide regulatory certainty for manufacturers and confidence for American consumers.

This draft strategy will be available for comment for 45 days in docket EPA-HQ-OPPT-2017-0559. Comments received will be considered in the Agency’s development of the final strategy.

A public meeting will be held on the draft strategy in Washington, DC on April 10, 2018.

Read the draft strategy and learn more about the April 10 public meeting:

<https://www.epa.gov/assessing-and-managing-chemicals-under-tsca/alternative-test-methods-and-strategies-reduce>

Background

On June 22, 2017 - the one-year anniversary of the Lautenberg Chemical Safety Act - EPA met milestones for three framework TSCA rules: the Prioritization Process Rule, the Risk Evaluation Process Rule, and the Inventory Rule.

The Prioritization Process Rule establishes a framework and criteria for identifying high-priority chemicals for EPA risk evaluations.

The Risk Evaluation Process Rule establishes a framework for evaluating high priority chemicals to determine whether or not they present an unreasonable risk to health and/or the environment. The rule ensures transparency and confidence in the risk evaluation process while retaining flexibility to allow for new scientific approaches as they are developed.

The Inventory Rule requires industry reporting of chemicals manufactured, imported, or processed in the U.S. over the past 10 years to identify which chemical substances on the TSCA Inventory are active in U.S. commerce. This will inform the chemicals EPA prioritizes for risk evaluations.

In addition to finalizing framework TSCA rules so the Agency can properly implement the law within the timeframes set by Congress, EPA has effectively addressed and eliminated the backlog of new chemicals awaiting EPA review. The current caseload is back at the baseline level.

EPA also proposed a fees rule on certain chemical manufacturers - including importers and processors - to provide a sustainable source of funding to defray resources that are available for implementation of new responsibilities under the amended law.

For more information on TSCA implementation, visit: <https://www.epa.gov/assessing-and-managing-chemicals-under-tsca/frank-r-lautenberg-chemical-safety-21st-century-act-5>

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Message

From: Heather Reams [hreams@citizensfor.com]
Sent: 3/6/2018 11:39:33 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Subject: RE:

Hi Ryan,

I hope March is off to a good start for you. I wanted to see about meeting up. I am available Monday, 3/12 and Tuesday 3/13 if you have time. I can also meet the week of March 19.

What works for you?

My best,
Heather

Heather Reams | Managing Director
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From: Jackson, Ryan [mailto:jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, February 16, 2018 8:35 AM
To: Heather Reams <hreams@citizensfor.com>
Subject:

Heather, I appreciate you reaching out. I'm out of the office next week, but is there a time in early March we could get together?

Ryan Jackson
Chief of Staff
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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From: William McIntosh [Ex. 6]
Sent: 3/6/2018 1:12:32 AM
To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
CC: Lyons, Troy [lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Fugh, Justina [Fugh.Justina@epa.gov]
Subject: Re:
Attachments: EPWqa JDS edits MN edits.doc

will do. I have enclosed the non-notarized copy and will provide the notarized copy tomorrow.

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thanks Chad

On Mar 5, 2018, at 5:09 PM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

Chad, I know you're filling out some remaining block on the EPW questionnaire. If you could send those to Troy and me when you've completed those. I know that we really need to get it notarized and wait for you to send them to us, but a scanned copy when completed would help.

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UNITED STATES SENATE
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS
STATEMENT FOR COMPLETION BY PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEES

UNITED STATES SENATE

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INFORMATION

REQUESTED OF PRESIDENTIAL
NOMINEES

In order to assist the Committee in its consideration of nominations, each nominee is requested to complete the attached Statement for completion by Presidential Nominees. The Statement is intended to be publicly available. In the event that a nominee asks that a specific answer be kept confidential, he or she should notify the Chairman and Ranking Member.

The original and forty (40) copies of the requested information should be made available to the Honorable John Barrasso, Chairman, Committee on Environment and Public Works, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510 (Attn: Matt Leggett) as soon as possible.

Name of Nominee:

William Charles McIntosh (Chad)

Position to which nominated:

Assistant Administrator USEPA Office of International and Tribal Affairs

Date of Nomination:

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From: Batkin, Gabrielle (EPW) [Gabrielle_Batkin@epw.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/14/2018 1:44:47 AM
To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: follow up

I'm sorry the day got away but would be good to catch up I'm on my cell Ex. 6 now or in the am.

On Mar 13, 2018, at 8:25 AM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

Do you have an opportunity to just talk before? I think it'll take 10 minutes. If so my cell is Ex. 6

Ryan Jackson
Chief of Staff
U.S. EPA

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On Mar 13, 2018, at 8:12 AM, Batkin, Gabrielle (EPW) <Gabrielle_Batkin@epw.senate.gov> wrote:

I have a 9 and a 9:30 can we talk at 10?

On Mar 13, 2018, at 8:08 AM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

I'd like to call you at 9 if convenient.

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Chief of Staff
U.S. EPA

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On Mar 12, 2018, at 10:16 PM, Batkin, Gabrielle (EPW) <Gabrielle_Batkin@epw.senate.gov> wrote:

Good time for you tomorrow?

On Mar 12, 2018, at 7:38 PM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

Thank you again for this. I think it's necessary that we talk. Let me know when convenient. I'm about to lose a nominee honestly, and I would like to salvage this.

From: Batkin, Gabrielle (EPW)
[mailto:Gabrielle_Batkin@epw.senate.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 5:20 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan
<jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: follow up

Hi Ryan. Just want to assure you that our work together is a priority for us. Let me know if you think it would be helpful to get together to talk. Thanks.

Message

From: Perry, Thomas [Thomas.Perry@simplot.com]
Sent: 3/8/2018 8:27:09 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
CC: Prouty, Alan [Alan.Prouty@simplot.com]
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Meeting Request

Ryan — thanks so much for your time. Best, Tom

On Feb 14, 2018, at 1:14 PM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

Yes, Aaron can help us find the best time.

From: Perry, Thomas [mailto:Thomas.Perry@simplot.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 11:47 AM
To: Parker, Darren (Risch) <Darren_Parker@Risch.senate.gov>; Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Meeting Request

Ryan — just circling back on my meeting request. My DC travel plans shifted to the first full week in March. Please let me know if you have any availability 3/6 – 3/8. Best, Tom

From: Parker, Darren (Risch) [mailto:Darren_Parker@Risch.senate.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2018 3:26 PM
To: Ryan Jackson (jackson.ryan@epa.gov) <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Perry, Thomas <Thomas.Perry@simplot.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Meeting Request

[Warning: External Email]
Hi Ryan,

Tom Perry from the J.R. Simplot Company in Idaho would like setup a meeting with you for later this month. Tom is one of the best legal minds in Idaho and was formerly a Risch staffer.

Tom — I will let you take it from here to provide the details of when you will be in DC and what will be discussed.

Thank you, Ryan.

Darren

Darren Parker
Legislative Director
Senator James E. Risch
202-224-2752

Message

From: Batkin, Gabrielle (EPW) [Gabrielle_Batkin@epw.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/13/2018 3:41:07 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: follow up

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Subject: follow up

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From: Jack Victory [jvictory@capitolhillcg.com]
Sent: 3/13/2018 3:30:30 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Meeting request

Can I just give you a quick call? If so what number? Thanks

Jack Victory
Chief Executive Officer



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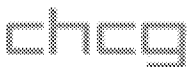
From: Jackson, Ryan [mailto:jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 12:55 PM
To: Jack Victory <jvictory@capitolhillcg.com>
Cc: Gunasekara, Mandy <Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>; Dickerson, Aaron <dickerson.aaron@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting request

Sure. I know them both well. I don't know the latest on this proposal so would need to include Mandy or someone from OAR.

From: Jack Victory [mailto:jvictory@capitolhillcg.com]
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 11:47 AM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: Meeting request

Hey I was wondering if I could bring Jane Alonso with NAFO and EB with AF&PA to come in and discuss biomass with you. Was hoping to get a personal meeting if that works on your end. Many thanks

Jack Victory
Chief Executive Officer



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From: Jackson, Ryan [<mailto:jackson.ryan@epa.gov>]

Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 6:27 PM

To: Jack Victory <jvictory@capitolhillcg.com>

Subject: FW: Administrator Pruitt Visits New Hampshire: Talks Water Quality, Biomass Carbon Neutrality, Forest Procurement Practices

From: EPA Press Office [<mailto:press=epa.gov@cmail20.com>] **On Behalf Of** EPA Press Office

Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 5:01 PM

To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>

Subject: Administrator Pruitt Visits New Hampshire: Talks Water Quality, Biomass Carbon Neutrality, Forest Procurement Practices

Administrator Pruitt Visits New Hampshire: Talks Water Quality, Biomass Carbon Neutrality, Forest Procurement Practices

Manchester, N.H. (February 13, 2018) - In a visit to New Hampshire today, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt met with the forest products industry and Governor Chris Sununu (R-NH) to discuss a wide range of environmental issues. Administrator Pruitt provided Governor Sununu with a letter announcing EPA's efforts to work towards a carbon-neutral policy for biomass and clarify federal procurement recommendations for responsibly managed forests.

“For years, the federal government rendered most U.S. forestry producers ineligible for federal procurement projects and created confusion around biomass carbon neutrality,” **said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.** “Understanding the importance of the forest products industry to the State of New Hampshire, EPA is focused on clarifying regulations that were encumbering the industry.”

Administrator Pruitt also met with members of the Governor’s Cabinet, including: Commissioner of Environmental Services Robert Scott, Commissioner of Agriculture Shawn Jasper, and Commissioner of Cultural Resources Jeff Rose.

“This morning, I had a very productive meeting with EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt,” **said Governor Chris Sununu.** “We discussed wide-ranging issues facing New Hampshire, and it is critical that our priorities are heard. I was pleased to hear the EPA agreed to expedite the bedrock water table testing to further ensure that the Seacoast’s drinking water has not been contaminated by the Coakley Landfill. I am confident that the state, and our towns, will have a positive and productive relationship with the EPA moving forward.”

Later, a group representing the forest products industry hosted Administrator Pruitt for a roundtable at Central Paper Products Co., Inc. The discussion included the Nature Conservancy of New Hampshire, New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association, New Hampshire Forests, New Hampshire Division of Forest and Lands, and Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests.

“The New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association is pleased Administrator Pruitt took the time to come to New Hampshire to meet with timberland owners, and members of the forest products industry. As the second most forested state in the nation, New Hampshire’s forests are an important part of our heritage, culture, and economy. Having a regulatory environment that promotes the growing, management and processing of timber will ensure this legacy continues. A managed forest is a healthy forest: it provides clean air, clean water, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities - all the while providing jobs and economic benefits for our rural communities,” **said New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association Executive Director Jasen Stock.**

BACKGROUND:

On April 13, 2017, in accordance with President Trump’s Executive Order 13777, Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda, EPA sought comment on regulatory barriers that should be targeted for repeal, replacement, or modification. Among the over 60,000 comments received, members of the forest and forest products community highlighted a number of concerns with EPA’s past regulatory treatment of the industry. Top concerns included whether EPA had, to date, failed to take proper account of the reality that energy derived from biomass may, in appropriate circumstances, be recognized as carbon neutral, along with the Agency’s own procurement recommendations for wood and lumber products.

In 2011, EPA submitted “Draft Accounting Framework for Biogenic CO₂ Emissions from Stationary Sources” to the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB). That draft accounting framework sought to identify and outline the scientific and technical considerations that come into play in ascertaining the extent to which the production, processing, and use of biomass materials at stationary sources is indeed carbon neutral. The Agency updated the accounting framework in 2014. After seven years of ongoing review and analysis of this challenging issue, the SAB has yet to reach consensus.

Meanwhile, the Agency recently received direction from Congress in the *Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017*, which urged that agencies proactively recognize forest biomass as a renewable agency source and establish policies that reflect its carbon neutrality. Spurred on by this congressional action, which had occurred in conjunction with Executive Order 13783, Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth, a multi-agency effort has now been initiated between EPA, the U.S. Department of Energy, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture with the focused goal of establishing a mechanism for federal cooperation and consistency on the use of biomass.

For its specific part, EPA has incorporated into its ongoing review of, and improvement to, Clean Air Act permitting programs generally a concerted effort to develop a range of options consistent with a carbon-neutral policy for biomass from forests and other lands and sectors.

EPA is also developing actions to clarify its own federal procurement recommendations, issued by the prior Administration in September 2015. As initially drafted, those recommendations only recognized a single-forest certification standard as qualifying for federal procurement opportunities. This effectively made a large majority of responsibly managed forests, including those certified by the Sustainable Forestry Initiative and the American Tree Farm System, ineligible to participate.

Today, EPA is working to guarantee consistent procurement recommendations. Additionally, EPA is working to ensure, as appropriate, either parity with, or deferral to, USDA's preexisting mandatory purchasing requirements for federal agencies, as set out under its BioPreferred Program.

Additional details outlining EPA's actions can be read in the letter that Administrator Pruitt handed to Governor Sununu, found here: <https://www.epa.gov/air-and-radiation/policy-update-epa-programmatic-treatment-biomass-and-forest-products-industry>

Administrator Pruitt leads a roundtable with members of the forest products industry.

Administrator Pruitt tours the Central Paper Products Co., Inc. in Manchester, N.H.

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Message

From: Lynn Taylor [lynn.taylor@emdgroup.com]
Sent: 3/1/2018 10:42:30 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Thanks so much!

Thanks Ryan. I forwarded you an email that I sent Nancy this afternoon with some further details that will be helpful. I will provide whatever I can!
Have a great night
Lynn

Lynn A. Taylor

Senior Vice President
Head of Healthcare Global Government and Public Affairs
Head of Corporate and Government Relations USA

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From: Jackson, Ryan [mailto:jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2018 2:27 PM
To: Lynn Taylor <lynn.taylor@emdgroup.com>
Subject: RE: Thanks so much!

Perfect. Yes, I wanted to get her help on this. Really we need are the PMNs so we can look at the LVE and process.

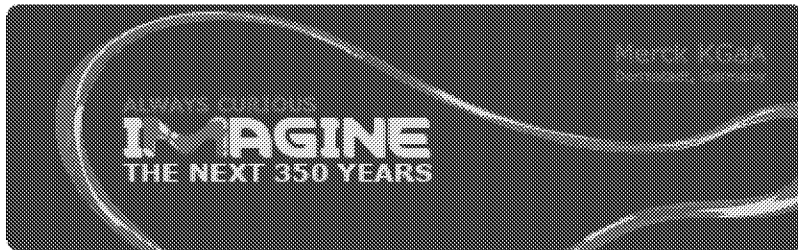
From: Lynn Taylor [mailto:lynn.taylor@emdgroup.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 1, 2018 1:06 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: Thanks so much!

Hi Ryan. I heard from Nancy Beck on Tuesday. Thank you so much for asking her to reach out to me! We haven't connected live yet, but have traded VMs and emails, including me sharing with her the 2 documents I had brought our meeting. I will keep you posted when I hear back from her.
Many thanks and have a great day.
My best,
Lynn

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From: Brent Fewell [brent.fewell@earthandwatergroup.com]
Sent: 2/22/2018 12:59:40 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Subject: Re:

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From: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2018 7:52:30 AM
To: Brent Fewell
Subject: Re:

Good Sam would be good. We are in the process of trying to figure the best working relationship with DU and TU on new partnerships.

Ryan Jackson
Chief of Staff
U.S. EPA

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On Feb 22, 2018, at 7:49 AM, Brent Fewell <brent.fewell@earthandwatergroup.com> wrote:

We need to catch up on a couple of things, red team debate and Good Sam.

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Message

From: William McIntosh [Ex. 6]
Sent: 3/6/2018 4:49:04 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
CC: Lyons, Troy [lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Fugh, Justina [Fugh.Justina@epa.gov]
Subject: Re:
Attachments: EPWSigned.pdf

Please let me know if you need this via snail mail, too. I have not submitted to the PPO.

thanks Chad

On Mar 5, 2018, at 5:09 PM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

Chad, I know you're filling out some remaining block on the EPW questionnaire. If you could send those to Troy and me when you've completed those. I know that we really need to get it notarized and wait for you to send them to us, but a scanned copy when completed would help.

Ryan Jackson
Chief of Staff
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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UNITED STATES SENATE
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The original and forty (40) copies of the requested information should be made available to the Honorable John Barrasso, Chairman, Committee on Environment and Public Works, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510 (Attn: Matt Leggett) as soon as possible.

Name of Nominee:

William Charles McIntosh (Chad)

Position to which nominated:

Assistant Administrator USEPA Office of International and Tribal Affairs

Date of Nomination:

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Message

From: Brent Fewell [brent.fewell@earthandwatergroup.com]
Sent: 2/22/2018 12:57:59 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Subject: Re:

What's your personal email - I have some non-work related stuff I'd like to share

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From: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2018 7:52:30 AM
To: Brent Fewell
Subject: Re:

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Chief of Staff
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Message

From: Jack Victory [jvictory@capitolhillcg.com]
Sent: 2/13/2018 12:40:16 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: EPA Programmatic Treatment Of Biomass

No doubt, not the easiest of issues to dissect.

Jack Victory
Chief Executive Officer



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On Feb 13, 2018, at 6:57 AM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

Yes, I can share a copy. The issue on getting carbon neutrality is a work in progress.

Ryan Jackson
Chief of Staff
U.S. EPA


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On Feb 13, 2018, at 6:46 AM, Jack Victory <jvictory@capitolhillcg.com> wrote:

Ok so no copy you can share I take it. Thank you.

Jack Victory
Chief Executive Officer



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On Feb 13, 2018, at 6:26 AM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

Yes. This is a work in progress.

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On Feb 12, 2018, at 11:13 PM, Jack Victory
<jvictory@capitolhillcg.com> wrote:

Hope all is well my friend and you are keeping your head above water, keep up the great work, I smile every day. Any chance I can get a copy of this letter mentioned below? Take care and hope to catch up soon.

Tomorrow EPA will be sending a letter to Gov Sununu on the treatment of biomass.

Some highlights:

- providing certainty for the treatment of biomass throughout the Agency's permitting decisions, the use of biomass energy will be bolstered, to benefit not only the forest products industry but the environment as well.

- 2015 federal procurement recommendations unaccountably only recognized a single forest certification standard, which unfortunately and unwarrantedly made a large majority of responsibly managed forests ineligible.

- EPA recognizes there is a much broader reach of responsibly managed forests and is working to guarantee any procurement recommendations are consistent with that standard.

- EPA is working to ensure parity or deferral to USDA's preexisting mandatory purchasing requirements for federal agencies set out in the BioPreferred Program.

Message

From: Kirsch, Laurence S [LKirsch@goodwinlaw.com]
Sent: 2/21/2018 11:33:19 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
CC: Peter C. Wright (PCWright@dow.com) [PCWright@dow.com]
Subject: [SPAM-Sender] Nomination of Peter C. Wright as Assistant Administrator for OLEM
Attachments: Letter of Endorsement for Peter C. Wright.docx

Dear Mr. Jackson,

Attached is a Word version of a letter of support I prepared for the nomination of Mr. Peter C. Wright as Assistant Administrator for OLEM. I understand that you will generate a final version of this letter at the time of his nomination, with an appropriate date, and I would appreciate if you would send me a copy of the letter as finalized for my files.

As indicated by the letter, I believe that EPA, Administrator Pruitt and the country will be very fortunate to have the benefit of Mr. Wright's service as Assistant Administrator.

If you or your office need anything further from me, please let me know. Thank you.

Larry Kirsch

Laurence S. Kirsch

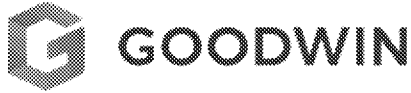


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**Re: Nomination of Peter C. Wright as Assistant Administrator for the Office of Land and
Emergency Management, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**

Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper:

I am writing in my personal capacity in enthusiastic support of the nomination of Mr. Peter C. Wright as Assistant Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency for the Office of Land and Emergency Management ("OLEM"). As an environmental lawyer for more than thirty years whose practice has emphasized the legal issues under the jurisdiction of OLEM and its predecessor office, I fully understand the importance of this office to the protection of the environment and the public health and welfare of the United States. I am also fully aware of the critical role that the Assistant Administrator plays in setting environmental policy, including policies concerning the cleanup of contaminated sites under the federal Superfund Program.

It is difficult to imagine a candidate more qualified for this position than Mr. Wright. He would bring to the Assistant Administrator role a wealth of substantive knowledge and experience acquired over several decades as one of the most widely respected practitioners in this highly complex area of law. He would also bring a strong sense of practicality and fairness acquired in the trenches of environmental law, as well as his commitment to expediting accomplishment of OLEM's important objectives. Based on my personal knowledge of Mr. Wright and my experience in working with him, I have complete confidence that he has the character, knowledge, and abilities necessary to lead OLEM with distinction.

For these reasons, I support Mr. Wright's nomination highly and without reservation. I believe that, if confirmed, he will capably serve OLEM, EPA, and the public as Assistant Administrator.

Sincerely,

Laurence S. Kirsch
Partner and Chair, Energy and Environmental Practice

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Message

From: Will Hupman [HupmanW@api.org]
Sent: 2/16/2018 12:39:59 PM
To: Khary Cauthen [cauthenk@api.org]
CC: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]; Dickerson, Aaron [dickerson.aaron@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Scheduling Request: American Petroleum Institute Downstream Executives 6 March

Thanks, Ryan. Among other topics, our Execs hope to discuss the small refinery exemptions under the RFS and the RVP waiver for E15. On small refineries, our folks are urging for a level playing field regardless of facility size and location. On RVP for E15, we understand y'all are conducting an internal review and would like to check on that. Happy to provide any additional materials or information. Will

Will Hupman
Director – Federal Relations
American Petroleum Institute

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hupmanw@api.org

On Feb 16, 2018, at 7:31 AM, Khary Cauthen <cauthenk@api.org> wrote:

Ryan: I've also copied Will Hupman who can elaborate on the topic of small refinery exemption and our work with the Congress on the RFS.

From: Jackson, Ryan [<mailto:jackson.ryan@epa.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2018 8:09 PM
To: Khary Cauthen
Cc: Dickerson, Aaron
Subject: RE: Scheduling Request: American Petroleum Institute Downstream Executives 6 March

Ok. Can you shoot me the topics?

You also should get a call from the WH.

From: Khary Cauthen [<mailto:cauthenk@api.org>]
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2018 11:49 AM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: Scheduling Request: American Petroleum Institute Downstream Executives 6 March

Ryan: Good afternoon, hope that all is well with you. The American Petroleum Institute Downstream Executives will be in town on March 6th and would like the opportunity to sit down with you to discuss fuel policy- namely the Renewable Fuels Standard. The committed attendees for the day are listed below and other meetings while they are in town include Congressmen Shimkus, Flores and Senator Cornyn as well as a meeting with the EPA.

Right now, we have Hill meetings scheduled for after lunch with the morning wide open. Ideally I would like to have them visit with in the morning then have them remain on the Hill the rest of their visit but of course want to be flexible to your schedule.

Thanks for considering this request and look forward to meeting with you on March 6th.

Khary

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Attendees

Dale Walsh – President, Chevron Products Americas

Dave Brownell – Senior Vice President, Global Operations, ExxonMobil Fuels & Lubricants

Don Templin – President, Marathon Petroleum Corporation

Message

From: Benjamin.Dunham@hklaw.com [Benjamin.Dunham@hklaw.com]
Sent: 2/13/2018 11:56:04 AM
To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Quick sit down?

Great. I'm wide open Friday, so just let me know when and where.

> On Feb 13, 2018, at 6:27 AM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

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> Friday would be best.

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> _____
> Ryan Jackson
> Chief of Staff
> U.S. EPA

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>> On Jan 31, 2018, at 10:52 AM, "Benjamin.Dunham@hklaw.com" <Benjamin.Dunham@hklaw.com> wrote:

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>> How about late afternoon or evening Thursday?

>>
>> Or Friday is wide open.

>> On Jan 26, 2018, at 12:43 PM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov<mailto:jackson.ryan@epa.gov>> wrote:

>>
>> Of course. I'd love to.

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>> From: Benjamin.Dunham@hklaw.com<mailto:Benjamin.Dunham@hklaw.com> [mailto:Benjamin.Dunham@hklaw.com]
>> Sent: Friday, January 26, 2018 12:24 PM

>> To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov<mailto:jackson.ryan@epa.gov>>
>> Subject: Quick sit down?

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>> Hey Ryan,
>> Hope all is well. I wanted to see if you had a few minutes in the next week or two to meet for a quick conversation. It's related to Safer Choice, but it's a very specific angle that I think you'll want to be aware of.

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>> Happy to do it over a drink. We could include Dimitri.

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>> I can make time whenever you're free.

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From: Chancellor, Erin [chancellor.erin@epa.gov]
Sent: 2/23/2018 11:35:08 PM
To: Brent Fewell [brent.fewell@earthandwatergroup.com]
CC: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]; Mitch Butler [mitchbutler@naturalresourcesresults.com]
Subject: Re:

Hi Brent & Mitch,

Nice to meet y'all via email. What time works for you on Tuesday?

Thanks,

Erin E. Chancellor

Counsel to the Administrator

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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On Feb 23, 2018, at 6:28 PM, Brent Fewell <brent.fewell@earthandwatergroup.com> wrote:

Great, spoke with Chris W. and Steve M. today - copying Mitch Butler. Erin, let us know if you have time to talk early next week.

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From: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 23, 2018 6:24 PM
Subject: Re:
To: Brent Fewell <brent.fewell@earthandwatergroup.com>
Cc: Chancellor, Erin <chancellor.erin@epa.gov>

I'd like to start with TU and DU first. Erin Chancellor, formerly with TCEQ, is helping us with this project, and I have cc'd on this email so she can be a part of this too.

Ryan Jackson
Chief of Staff
U.S. EPA

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On Feb 23, 2018, at 6:07 PM, Brent Fewell <brent.fewell@earthandwatergroup.com> wrote:

Mitch B and I spoke with TU today - they'd like to set up a meeting - can include DU and industry. Let me know how you'd like to proceed. Have a great weekend.

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From: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>

Sent: Friday, February 23, 2018 4:26:00 PM

To: Brent Fewell

Subject: Re:

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On Feb 23, 2018, at 3:42 PM, Brent Fewell <brent.fewell@earthandwatergroup.com> wrote:

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From: Stuart Jolly [Ex. 6]
Sent: 2/14/2018 6:45:38 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Trump gives up on Hartnett White for CEQ

Ha! I hear you... I'm in DC next Thur/Friday ~ Sushi on me?? ;-)

Stuart

On Feb 14, 2018, at 10:31, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

My nominees keep me busy enough. I try to stay out of other people's business.

From: Stuart Jolly [Ex. 6]
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 4:37 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: Trump gives up on Hartnett White for CEQ

Good afternoon, Ryan ~

Any hopes a regulator from NC might be considered to replace Mrs. White? Just throwing a name out there if you're interested in speaking to him [Ex. 6]
His bio is attached.

Good luck and stay in touch...!

Stuart

Stuart A. Jolly
Founder & Executive Director

Command Solutions, LLC
Brentwood, TN 37027
LTC, US Army (Ret)

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Trump gives up on Hartnett White for CEQ

Hannah Northey, E&E News reporter
Greenwire: February 3, 2018 at 6:46 PM

The White House plans to withdraw the nomination of Kathleen Hartnett White to lead the Council on Environmental Quality, an administration official confirmed to E&E News.

President Trump tapped Hartnett White, a former Texas regulator who thinks carbon dioxide has been unfairly vilified, to lead the influential environmental post last fall (**E&E Daily**, Oct. 13, 2017).

She cleared the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee last year on a party-line vote, but Democratic opposition meant the White House had to renominate her this month.

She was facing tough questions from both sides of the aisle after defending fossil fuels and questioning the extent to which humans contribute to climate change (**E&E Daily**, Jan. 19).

The Washington Post first reported the White House decision.

Hartnett White once headed the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and now serves as a fellow at the Texas Public Policy Foundation.

The withdrawal of her nomination sets into motion the search for a new head of CEQ, which Trump has tasked with narrowing and accelerating environmental reviews in step with the administration's infrastructure push.

Hartnett White out of the picture may ease the confirmation of other administration environmental picks. Democrats were particularly incensed by her renomination.

Twitter: **@HMNorthey** Email: **hno rthey@eenews.net**
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Message

From: Ross, David P [ross.davidp@epa.gov]
Sent: 2/23/2018 3:36:51 AM
To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
CC: lucian.l.niemeyer.civ@mail.mil
Subject: Re: Introductions

Thanks Ryan, I appreciate the introduction.

Lucien, I look forward to working with you.

Regards,

Dave

Sent from my iPhone

> On Feb 22, 2018, at 10:06 PM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:
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> Important introductions between you two.
>
> David is EPA's new senate confirmed Assistant Administrator for water and helping us spearhead the EPA work on PFAS.
>
> Lucien is the assistant secretary of defense for environment and installations. Lucien worked at the Senate Armed Services Committee for years including the couple of years Senator Inhofe was tanking member.
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> I'd like to get the two of you together on the PFAS issue.
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> Finally, we also will have an AA for our Land office and superfund office announced soon. On Tuesday our new deputy assistant administrator for our land and superfund office started. We can get him plugged in also. His name is Steve Cook. 25 years global heal and environment counsel at Lyondell chem out of Houston.
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> Ryan Jackson
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Message

From: Ex. 6
Sent: 2/20/2018 6:19:05 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Subject: Update
Attachments: Letter to Ryan Jackson.pdf

Good afternoon Ryan –

I apologize for the delay in getting back to you.

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Thanks for thinking of me. I wish you much success in your search, and all other activities associated with the EPA.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely, Ex. 6

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From: Benjamin.Dunham@hklaw.com [Benjamin.Dunham@hklaw.com]
Sent: 2/11/2018 10:34:11 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Quick sit down?

Hey Ryan,
Do you have a few minutes for this during the week? Just let me know what's easiest for you and I'll make it work.
Ben

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Happy to do it over a drink. We could include Dimitri.

I can make time whenever you're free.

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Message

From: Benjamin.Dunham@hklaw.com [Benjamin.Dunham@hklaw.com]
Sent: 2/17/2018 12:44:56 AM
To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Quick sit down?

Will do. Hang in there!

> On Feb 16, 2018, at 7:18 PM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

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> I don't, but I'm less and less able to actually tend to outside things. Can you call me this weekend? Ex. 6

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> _____
> Ryan Jackson
> Chief of Staff
> U.S. EPA
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>> On Feb 16, 2018, at 3:01 PM, "Benjamin.Dunham@hklaw.com" <Benjamin.Dunham@hklaw.com> wrote:

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>> Hey Ryan, I'm at our office at 17th and H. If you get a minute I can stop by or meet for a drink. Sorry to keep bugging you - I know you've got bigger fish to fry.

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>>> On Feb 13, 2018, at 6:27 AM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:
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>>> Friday would be best.

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>>> Ryan Jackson
>>> Chief of Staff
>>> U.S. EPA
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>>>> On Jan 31, 2018, at 10:52 AM, "Benjamin.Dunham@hklaw.com" <Benjamin.Dunham@hklaw.com> wrote:

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>>>> How about late afternoon or evening Thursday?
>>>>
>>>> Or Friday is wide open.

>>>>
>>>> On Jan 26, 2018, at 12:43 PM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov<mailto:jackson.ryan@epa.gov>> wrote:

>>>>
>>>> Of course. I'd love to.

>>>>
>>>> From: Benjamin.Dunham@hklaw.com<mailto:Benjamin.Dunham@hklaw.com> [mailto:Benjamin.Dunham@hklaw.com]
>>>> Sent: Friday, January 26, 2018 12:24 PM
>>>> To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov<mailto:jackson.ryan@epa.gov>>
>>>> Subject: Quick sit down?

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>>>> Hey Ryan,
>>>> Hope all is well. I wanted to see if you had a few minutes in the next week or two to meet for a quick conversation. It's related to Safer Choice, but it's a very specific angle that I think you'll want to be aware of.

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Message

From: Khary Cauthen [cauthenk@api.org]
Sent: 2/16/2018 2:05:34 AM
To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
CC: Dickerson, Aaron [dickerson.aaron@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Scheduling Request: American Petroleum Institute Downstream Executives 6 March

Topics include

1. Discussion on our continuing work with the Hill on RFS legislation.
2. Small refinery exemption and related RFS provisions.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 15, 2018, at 8:09 PM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

Ok. Can you shoot me the topics?

You also should get a call from the WH.

From: Khary Cauthen [mailto:cauthenk@api.org]
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2018 11:49 AM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: Scheduling Request: American Petroleum Institute Downstream Executives 6 March

Ryan: Good afternoon, hope that all is well with you. The American Petroleum Institute Downstream Executives will be in town on March 6th and would like the opportunity to sit down with you to discuss fuel policy- namely the Renewable Fuels Standard. The committed attendees for the day are listed below and other meetings while they are in town include Congressmen Shimkus, Flores and Senator Cornyn as well as a meeting with the EPA.

Right now, we have Hill meetings scheduled for after lunch with the morning wide open. Ideally I would like to have them visit with in the morning then have them remain on the Hill the rest of their visit but of course want to be flexible to your schedule.

Thanks for considering this request and look forward to meeting with you on March 6th.

Khary

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Attendees

Dale Walsh – President, Chevron Products Americas
Dave Brownell – Senior Vice President, Global Operations, ExxonMobil Fuels & Lubricants
Don Templin – President, Marathon Petroleum Corporation

Message

From: Brent Fewell [brent.fewell@earthandwatergroup.com]
Sent: 1/31/2018 12:13:14 AM
To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Good Sam etc

Let's do it. Chris Wood was very grateful for SP's decision on pebble and wants to be helpful. Dale is great. We could bring in Mitch B and David A to support.

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From: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 7:11:13 PM
To: Brent Fewell
Subject: RE: Good Sam etc

I would love to partner with TU and frankly with DU. Dale Hall is a great friend and I would really like to get something together.

From: Brent Fewell [mailto:brent.fewell@earthandwatergroup.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 12:12 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: Good Sam etc

SP has done great today - congrats on prep. Your former boss was very support of Bush Admins Good Sam efforts. Would love to help you and SP move that ball again. I know TU would be very supportive. Time for coffee?

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Message

From: Glueck, James (Agriculture) [James_Glueck@ag.senate.gov]
Sent: 1/29/2018 2:56:56 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Senate Ag Committee - possible hearing

Look forward to connecting...

Thanks, Ryan...

jag

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From: Jackson, Ryan [mailto:jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 9:56 AM
To: Glueck, James (Agriculture) <James_Glueck@ag.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Senate Ag Committee - possible hearing

I'll call you back today.

From: Glueck, James (Agriculture) [mailto:James_Glueck@ag.senate.gov]
Sent: Friday, January 26, 2018 2:42 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Senate Ag Committee - possible hearing

Ryan...

I wanted to follow-up since we didn't connect last week. I look forward to visiting.

jag

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James Glueck, Jr.
Staff Director
U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry
Chairman Pat Roberts (R-KS)
202-224-2035

From: Jackson, Ryan [mailto:jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2018 7:11 AM
To: Glueck, James (Agriculture) <James_Glueck@ag.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: Senate Ag Committee - possible hearing

I'll call you today and need to update you on another issue.

Ryan Jackson
Chief of Staff
U.S. EPA

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On Jan 17, 2018, at 3:45 PM, Glueck, James (Agriculture) <James_Glueck@ag.senate.gov> wrote:

Ryan...

We've been working with y'all's Congressional Affairs staff since last fall in hopes of identifying a couple of possible dates for a Senate Ag Committee oversight hearing focused on regulatory issues. We'd like to have both the EPA Administrator and Secretary Perdue testify. We see this an opportunity to highlight progress made on the regulatory front that directly impacts key Ag Committee constituencies. In previous Administrations, we've had both Cabinet officials testify and found it valuable to demonstrate cooperation on a number of issues.

It would be great to visit with you about what we've got in mind and see if we might be able to identify a couple of possible dates.

Thanks.

jag

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James Glueck, Jr.
Staff Director
U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry
Chairman Pat Roberts (R-KS)
202-224-2035

Sent from my iPhone

Message

From: Gray, Jonathan [Jonathan.Gray@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 1/19/2018 12:39:08 AM
To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Moving on...

No worries man, you do what you gotta do.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 18, 2018, at 7:12 PM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

Hey I'm stuck here tonight for a while. I may not be able to make hawk and dove. But if not big congratulations and we'll get **Ex. 6** back there soon too.

Ryan Jackson
Chief of Staff
U.S. EPA

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On Jan 16, 2018, at 5:00 PM, Gray, Jonathan <Jonathan.Gray@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Yes, **Ex. 6**

From: Jackson, Ryan [mailto:jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 4:59 PM
To: Gray, Jonathan <Jonathan.Gray@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Moving on...

Good. **Ex. 6**

From: Gray, Jonathan [mailto:Jonathan.Gray@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 3:28 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Moving on...

Preach. **Ex. 6**

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From: Jackson, Ryan [mailto:jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 3:25 PM
To: Gray, Jonathan <Jonathan.Gray@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Moving on...

Big congratulations. I definitely will try to come by on Thursday. Now to get that **Ex. 6**

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From: Gray, Jonathan [mailto:Jonathan.Gray@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 2:05 PM

To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>

Subject: Moving on...

Hey Ryan, if you haven't already heard, just wanted to give you a heads up that this week will be my last in Mullin's office. I've accepted a position with Enel Green Power to head up their gov affairs operations in OKC and start next week. It's been a real pleasure working with you these past few years and with your staff. I want to thank you for everything you've done for me Ex. 6 not to mention our bosses. Hope to hear more big things from you and that our paths cross again soon!

Also, I'm having a going-away party at Hawk n Dove on Thursday at 6pm, so feel free to swing by.

Best,

Jonathan Gray, *Legislative Director*

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Message

From: Al_Collins@oxy.com [Al_Collins@oxy.com]
Sent: 1/20/2018 12:59:37 AM
To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: RE: Question about EPA internships

You are the best!

> On Jan 19, 2018, at 6:49 PM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> No, and we are going to have to postpone it due to this shutdown. I hate that, but there's no way to
justify all the EPA staff traveling.
>
> Of course, we have an internship program. Will you have her send me her resume?
>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: Al_Collins@oxy.com [mailto:Al_Collins@oxy.com]
> Sent: Friday, January 19, 2018 5:10 PM
> To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
> Subject: Question about EPA internships
>
> Hey Ryan:
>
> Do you know if EPA still has an internship program? My Ex. 6
Ex. 6 I was hoping you would direct me to the person or office handling the program.
>
> Will you be at the EPA/IOGCC/ECOS oil & Gas meeting in Denver next week?
>
> I hope your 2018 is off to a great start.
>
> Thank you,
>
> Al Collins

Message

From: Quinn, James (Cassidy) [James_Quinn@cassidy.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/14/2019 5:15:49 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
CC: Lyons, Troy [lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Humphreys, Hayly [humphreys.hayly@epa.gov]; Kapsner, Allison (Cassidy) [Allison_Kapsner@cassidy.senate.gov]
Subject: Re:

Thank you Ryan.

I'm adding Allie from our team who will help coordinate. We are happy to make happen whatever dates work on your end or send suggestions/draft agenda of things to do while he's there. Just let us know what you need.

He'll be a big hit in south Louisiana.

James Quinn
Chief of Staff
Sen. Bill Cassidy M.D., R-LA
202-224-5824

On Mar 14, 2019, at 12:48 PM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

We have an invitation from Senator Cassidy to visit Louisiana this summer and hold some events together on the variety of things we are working on with him. I've cc'd James on this who is Senator Cassidy's chief of staff so we can start working on ideas and timing.

Ryan Jackson
Chief of Staff
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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Message

From: Margaret Everson [meverson@ducks.org]
Sent: 12/26/2017 7:44:15 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Subject: Re:

Ryan,
I hope you had a happy holiday. We are happy to help with this. Dale is actually going to reach out to you directly tomorrow. Thank you for all your help with this. Talk to you soon.
Best
Margaret

Margaret Everson
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> On Dec 26, 2017, at 11:06 AM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> Margaret, hope you had a merry Christmas. I'm doing some home work today and today's Post article reminded me to get back with you. Dale has mentioned signing an agreement on old mining sites to turn into habitat. We would like to do that. It's a no brainer and a good initiative with not only DU but others and complements the superfund and brownfields clean ups we are now beginning to get traction on.
>
> Can you email me the paperwork on it? It's taken so long to get started but I'm finally able to focus on some specific initiatives and devote some real time to them.
>
> Thanks and see you soon.
>
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> _____
> Ryan Jackson
> Chief of Staff
> U.S. EPA
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Message

From: Khary Cauthen [cauthenk@api.org]
Sent: 1/19/2018 9:05:18 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
CC: Lyons, Troy [lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Hilary Moffett [moffetth@api.org]
Subject: Re: Continuation of operations.

Thank you, had some questions from companies and saw DOE's announcement regarding their plans for Monday. Have a good weekend.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jan 19, 2018, at 4:03 PM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

>
> We'll we have to employees and contractors.

>
> We are staying open for the next week full strength. All obligated funds for contractors and contractor work will continue. But we will not enter new contracts nor finalize new grants. However, all new travel has to be approved by the Administrator's office. Personnel already on travel need to finish the purpose of their travel instead of abruptly cancelling the remainder of their trip.

>
> -----Original Message-----

> From: Khary Cauthen [mailto:cauthenk@api.org]
> Sent: Friday, January 19, 2018 2:56 PM
> To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>
> Cc: Hilary Moffett <moffetth@api.org>
> Subject: Continuation of operations.

>
> Ryan/Troy: has EPA released official guidance to stakeholders in the event the Senate does not move forward this evening?

>
> Sent from my iPhone
>

Message

From: Humphreys, Hayly (Corker) [Hayly_Humphreys@corker.senate.gov]
Sent: 1/4/2018 8:52:00 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: quick call

Hi Ryan,

Todd was hoping to discuss a time sensitive matter with you today if possible. Are you available at any point this evening?

Best,
Hayly

Hayly Humphreys
202-228-5515

From: Womack, Todd (Corker)
Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2018 12:04 PM
To: 'Jackson, Ryan' <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Cc: Humphreys, Hayly (Corker) <Hayly_Humphreys@corker.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: quick call

Just tried you. Could you buzz me at 202-228-5515 when convenient?

Thanks so much.

Todd

From: Jackson, Ryan [mailto:jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2018 11:11 AM
To: Womack, Todd (Corker)
Subject: RE: quick call

Of course. Ex. 6

From: Womack, Todd (Corker) [mailto:Todd_Womack@corker.senate.gov]
Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2018 10:00 AM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: quick call

Happy New Year! Are you around for a quick call?

Todd Womack
Chief of Staff
U.S. Senator Bob Corker (R-Tenn.)
Chairman, Senate Foreign Relations Committee
202-228-5515

Sign up to receive email updates from Senator Corker.



Message

From: Dawsey, Joshua [josh.dawsey@washpost.com]
Sent: 1/10/2018 12:05:22 AM
To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Subject: RE:

Let's do this next week if you can. Tuesday or Wednesday at Off the Record? Or the St. Regis? Or wherever works for you.

From: Jackson, Ryan [mailto:jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2018 5:07 PM
To: Dawsey, Joshua <josh.dawsey@washpost.com>
Subject: RE:

Sure. Happy to. Let me know when would be convenient.

From: Dawsey, Joshua [mailto:josh.dawsey@washpost.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 2, 2018 4:33 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject:

Ryan –

I meant to email you a few months ago after I saw you at Off the Record. I was with Brian McGuire, and you came over and said hi.

We mentioned that night getting a drink sometime, and I thought I'd follow up and see if we could find a time in 2018. I was talking to some conservative types/donors today about the administration, and one of them mentioned you – a Koch-affiliated guy who likes what Trump is doing at the EPA. It reminded me that we'd never met up.

Best, Josh

Josh Dawsey
White House Reporter

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Josh.Dawsey@WashPost.com

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Message

From: Dawsey, Joshua [josh.dawsey@washpost.com]
Sent: 1/5/2018 1:28:00 AM
To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Subject: RE:

Hey, following up on this – let me know when works for you.

From: Jackson, Ryan [mailto:jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2018 5:07 PM
To: Dawsey, Joshua <josh.dawsey@washpost.com>
Subject: RE:

Sure. Happy to. Let me know when would be convenient.

From: Dawsey, Joshua [mailto:josh.dawsey@washpost.com]
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Message

From: David Schwietert [DSchwietert@autoalliance.org]
Sent: 1/24/2018 5:50:52 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Enviros and the DC Auto Show

#Fakenews

On Jan 24, 2018, at 12:37 PM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

Smear Administrator Pruitt and Secretary Chao? Surely you jest.

From: David Schwietert [mailto:DSchwietert@autoalliance.org]
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2018 10:10 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: Enviros and the DC Auto Show

Ryan,

I know you may have been aware of the attempt by various enviro groups to smear auto manufacturers after the Administrator, Secretary Chao and the President announced that they would evaluate the EPA's previous final determination of auto fuel efficiency standards.

Here's the latest salvo of revisionist history about the Mid Term Review and the viability of future standards.

I wouldn't doubt if some of the NGO's attempt to protest the DC Auto Show events – either the preview Wednesday and Thursday or the public opening that starts Friday

Dave

<http://thehill.com/opinion/energy-environment/370280-american-carmakers-are-sabotaging-their-pledges-on-climate>

Message

From: Dawsey, Joshua [josh.dawsey@washpost.com]
Sent: 1/2/2018 11:53:35 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Subject: RE:

This Thursday, or next Wednesday or Thursday, would work for me. Best/Josh

From: Jackson, Ryan [mailto:jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2018 5:07 PM
To: Dawsey, Joshua <josh.dawsey@washpost.com>
Subject: RE:

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From: Dawsey, Joshua [mailto:josh.dawsey@washpost.com]
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White House Reporter

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Josh.Dawsey@WashPost.com

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Message

From: Dawsey, Joshua [josh.dawsey@washpost.com]
Sent: 1/2/2018 10:18:19 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Subject: RE:

How does your schedule look next week?

From: Jackson, Ryan [mailto:jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2018 5:07 PM
To: Dawsey, Joshua <josh.dawsey@washpost.com>
Subject: RE:

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White House Reporter

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Message

From: Russell, Richard (EPW) [Richard_Russell@epw.senate.gov]
Sent: 1/4/2018 11:58:24 AM
To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: EPA OCFO Nominee

For what it's worth, we support your request. Sounds like the Ds are less convinced. We processed a few just before recess without incident, so I will talk to Gabby.

Richard Russell
Staff Director
Committee on Environment & Public Works

On Jan 4, 2018, at 6:09 AM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

This was a fabulous idea of Senator Schumer, Carper, and company concerning agencies CFOs. I'm sure they were thinking about Holly then too.

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/112th-congress/senate-resolution/116/text>

We would like to try to use this for our CFO nominee for a couple of important reasons. Of course, we will make her available immediately for member meetings but the resolution really was worthwhile to do to get more individuals confirmed without burning the Senate's time and

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You make notice when you meet her.

She really is fabulous with I believe over ten years of auditing experience of federal agencies with specific experience with the Department of Labor and the FAA before joining EPA. I actually acquired her through our beachhead team and was very pleased with her and was glad to keep her on board. She's not very political, but can talk to you all day about EPA accounts and balancing the books.

Please let me know your thoughts on this.

Ryan.

Ryan Jackson
Chief of Staff
U.S. EPA

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Message

From: Coon, Thomas [thomas.coon@okstate.edu]
Sent: 1/3/2018 6:32:38 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
CC: Wagner, Kevin [kevin.wagner@okstate.edu]
Subject: RE: Introduction of Dr. Wagner

Thanks -- I'll leave it to Dr. Wagner to follow up. Take care...Tom

From: Jackson, Ryan [mailto:jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 03, 2018 12:32 PM
To: Coon, Thomas <thomas.coon@okstate.edu>
Cc: Wagner, Kevin <kevin.wagner@okstate.edu>
Subject: RE: Introduction of Dr. Wagner

I would really enjoy the opportunity to do that. Thank you for the introductions.

And yes, now that I get to solely focus on environmental policy, tax considerations and legislation I can simply watch from the cheap seats.

From: Coon, Thomas [mailto:thomas.coon@okstate.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 1:09 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Cc: Wagner, Kevin <kevin.wagner@okstate.edu>
Subject: Introduction of Dr. Wagner

Ryan -- I hope you've had a relaxing holiday. I'm guessing you were pleased NOT to be over in the Senate with the tax reform legislation running right up to Christmas weekend! Hopefully you were able to get away from the office and enjoy your family and friends over the holidays.

I wanted to introduce you to Dr. Kevin Wagner. He is the new director of the Oklahoma Water Resource Center, the position previously held by Dr. Garey Fox and then Dr. Justin Moss as interim last year. Each state has a water resource center funded in part by US Geological Survey funding, and Oklahoma's is based at OSU within the Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. We have expanded the position so that it provides assistance to faculty from across campus, and not just within DASNR, who are conducting research and Extension programs on Oklahoma's critical water issues.

Dr. Wagner came to us from Texas A&M where he had served as Deputy Director of their water center. Prior to going to A&M, he had earned a M.S. degree from Oklahoma State and worked with the Oklahoma Conservation Commission. We were fortunate to find someone with experience in Oklahoma AND with another water resource center.

I know the water centers fall under a different agency than EPA, but I thought it might be helpful for you to know Dr. Wagner and consider him a resource on water issues. He will be in Washington, DC for a meeting with the other water center directors from across the nation on Feb. 25 -- 28. I realize your schedule is quite hectic, but thought I'd see if you would be open to meeting with Dr. Wagner briefly while he is in the District. And if you're not available, perhaps someone on your staff would be available for that introductory meeting.

In any case, I hope you have a productive new year and appreciate your work for the people of the US.

Best wishes...Tom

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Message

From: Ford, Hayley [ford.hayley@epa.gov]
Sent: 12/22/2017 12:51:57 PM
To: Ex. 6
CC: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]; Munoz, Charles [munoz.charles@epa.gov]; Ford, Hayley [ford.hayley@epa.gov]
Subject: Re:

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Let's plan for Jan 10 at 2:30PM. We look forward to seeing you then!

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 21, 2017, at 6:49 PM, Ex. 6 wrote:

Ryan,

I am very interested. I am available January 10-12, 15, 19 or 22-26th.

Please let me know if any of those dates work on your end.

Merry Christmas!

Yours truly,

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On Thu, Dec 21, 2017 at 11:37 AM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

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Ex. 6 Can you let us know when some dates work and we'll work on transportation and accommodations for you? Thanks.

Ryan Jackson

Chief of Staff

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Ex. 6

Message

From: Jackson, Ryan [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=38BC8E18791A47D88A279DB2FEC8BD60-JACKSON, RY]
Sent: 4/23/2018 8:41:31 PM
To: LesStrang, Dave [Dave.LesStrang@mail.house.gov]
Subject: Re: RE:

Yes that would be fine. Thanks.

Ryan Jackson
Chief of Staff
U.S. EPA

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On Apr 23, 2018, at 4:26 PM, LesStrang, Dave <Dave.LesStrang@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Ryan. We'll share this information with Chairman Calvert. Is it your intent that we also share this information with the GOP Members of the Interior Subcommittee?

From: Jackson, Ryan [mailto:jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2018 4:02 PM
To: LesStrang, Dave <Dave.LesStrang@mail.house.gov>; Richmond, Kristin <Kristin.Richmond@mail.house.gov>
Subject:

Dave and Kristin, I wanted to provide some information which the Republican members of the subcommittee may find helpful.

Ryan Jackson
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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Sent: 4/24/2018 11:45:49 PM
To: tricia.evans@mail.house.gov; Dickerson, Aaron [dickerson.aaron@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Monday Morning Group
Attachments: MMG DC 2018 ENVIRONMENT Section 6 Funding.pdf; MMG DC 2018 ENVIRONMENT HCP Land Acquisition.pdf

I would be happy to meet with them. If you can shoot me any contact information I can coordinate with them on best times. Thanks.

From: Evans, Tricia [mailto:Tricia.Evans@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 4:37 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: Monday Morning Group

Hi Ryan,

I know you are crazy busy this week but I wanted to get this to you. If you are too busy to meet with them we certainly understand!! In previous years they have met with Josh Louis and he has been great so please don't hesitate to have them meet with him if you don't have time. They are available on May 8th from 9am-1pm and May 9th from 9am-3pm. At the moment there are four people attending and I have attached their issue papers. If there is anything else you need please let me know and thanks again!

Tricia

Tricia Evans
Deputy Chief of Staff
Congressman Ken Calvert (CA-42)
2205 Rayburn HOB
202-225-1986

**MONDAY MORNING GROUP OF WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY
ANNUAL ADVOCACY TRIP - WASHINGTON, DC
MAY 7 - 10, 2018**

**SUPPORT THE ADDITION OF THE HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN LAND ACQUISITION
FUNDING TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE BILL**

ISSUE: Habitat conservation agencies are unable to take advantage of currently low prices for unimproved land to protect threatened species because the same housing market crash that drove those prices down also dried up the developer contributions and fees as well as the sales and transfer taxes that finance their land acquisitions.

ACTION: The Monday Morning Group requests that the pending federal Infrastructure Bill include funding for land acquisition for existing large-scale Habitat Conservation Plans (HCP's) which provide support for transportation and infrastructure.

BACKGROUND: Large-scale HCP's are a vital tool in the development of badly needed infrastructure in this country. HCP's provide the necessary advanced environmental mitigation to greatly speed up the planning and construction process of these projects. Communities that invest heavily in the establishment of integrated transportation planning efforts that include large-scale HCP's should receive land acquisition funding in return for their efforts to ease the infrastructure development process.

As an example, the Western Riverside County MSHCP has proven to be one such successful effort. Its benefits can be measured in its value to transportation infrastructure, certainty in development, and preservation of habitat and open space. The impetus for the development of the Riverside plan was driven in large part by a need for expedited approval of transportation projects, which had been delayed by the time-consuming litigation and the challenges of working through the Endangered Species Act (ESA). With 33 listed species, there were few areas within western Riverside County that were not impacted by the ESA. The MSHCP directly addresses these issues by providing advanced pre-approved mitigation for transportation infrastructure, as well as private development.

Prior to the MSHCP, bringing a transportation project forward in western Riverside County meant a long planning cycle with the critical path defined by ESA compliance. Since approval of the plan, two new freeways, eight major freeway interchange projects, and dozens of major highways and arterials have been approved through the MSHCP process without costly delays. A majority of these projects have already been built or are under construction. Many of these projects may have never been built without the plan. These transportation successes are significant, and the impact of the plan on \$6 billion in transportation is measureable.

Studies have shown that the County's \$6 billion in transportation projects have been accelerated by one to five years, with an average of two years, due to the MSHCP. These time savings can be translated to actual cost savings by looking at benefits of early delivery. Taking a two-year average acceleration of projects, along with Western Riverside's \$6 billion has saved \$468 million through early delivery. Biological Opinions now average two months instead of two years prior to the plan. Additionally, with the MSHCP, litigation on transportation projects has dropped significantly as advanced mitigation is already in place.

Where large-scale HCP's benefit infrastructure, land acquisition should be funded by infrastructure because those HCP's save agencies time and money. This is a model of how government is finding ways to improve efficiency for the people it serves.

**MONDAY MORNING GROUP OF WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY
ANNUAL ADVOCACY TRIP - WASHINGTON, DC
MAY 7 - 10, 2018**

**RELEASE OF APPROVED ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT,
SECTION 6 GRANT FUNDING**

ISSUE: Habitat conservation agencies unable to access their allocated 2017 Section 6 Grant Funding. Department of Interior has not yet released the funding, though it has been approved in the 2017 budget. Usually this grant funding is announced and released in August or September of the budget year. As of the end of February 2018, there has been no announcement.

ACTION: That the Department of the Interior release approved 2017 Cooperative Endangered Species Act Conservation Fund ("Section 6") grant funding for habitat acquisition.

BACKGROUND: Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs) enable communities to balance economic development with wildlife and open space conservation. Stakeholders such as local jurisdictions, non-governmental organizations and federal and state agencies work in partnership to develop these HCPs under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) so that development can move forward in a streamlined manner while meeting the needs of wildlife on a broad scale. The Western Riverside Plan covers 1.2 million acres and protects 146 species while expediting over \$6 billion in transportation construction and providing certainty to development.

Because HCPs are most often created in response to federal imperatives, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) supports eligible HCPs through cooperative agreements under Section 6 of the ESA. Section 6 authorizes competitive grants for HCP planning and acquisition which must be matched by non-federal funds. When Western Riverside County set out to build the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP), the availability of federal Section 6 funds was a key factor in getting the support for the plan from a diverse coalition of interests.

By signing the MSHCP implementing agreement, the federal and state governments committed to acquire a total of 56,000 acres of land. The Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority (RCA) is responsible for purchasing 97,000 acres for the MSHCP, for a total of 153,000 acres. To date, RCA has spent over \$370 million to buy 37,108 acres of land. By way of comparison, the federal government has thus far spent \$58 million to buy 8,780 acres of land. The state has spent \$101 million to purchase 12,686 acres.

The federal commitment is key for the plan. The plan has greatly benefitted the County and 18 Cities in the plan area. The MSHCP has accelerated transportation projects by 1 to 5 years with an average of 2 years. There has been an estimated \$468 million in savings in transportation costs due to early delivery of projects. Projects expedited include: two new freeways, five major freeway widening projects, a dozen freeway and highway interchange projects, major water projects and regional power transmission lines.

HCPs nationwide provide streamlined permitting for development with a total market value in excess of \$1.6 trillion. The federal government needs to follow through with the commitments it has made to the Western Riverside County plan by releasing Section 6 funding, and by continuing to fund it's agreed to share of the land acquisitions needed to complete the MSHCP reserve.

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Sent: 4/22/2018 8:31:57 PM
To: Rick Dearborn [rick@cypressgroupdc.com]
Subject: RE: EPA Reg Reform and Policy Accomplishments 04.17.2018.docx

Thank you. I would imagine a pretty receptive crowd. I hope all is well and you're enjoying parole.

From: Rick Dearborn [mailto:rick@cypressgroupdc.com]
Sent: Sunday, April 22, 2018 12:29 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: [SPAM-Sender] Re: EPA Reg Reform and Policy Accomplishments 04.17.2018.docx

Bragged on you to the RAGA group — 12 State AGs present.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 17, 2018, at 5:44 PM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

Brag on us.

Here's some concise ammo.

Wheeler was confirmed last week. Official swearing in Friday. Ceremonial swearing in later. Will let you know.

<Reg Reform Accomplishments 04.17.2018.docx>

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Sent: 4/24/2018 11:43:07 PM
To: Ari Natter [anatter5@bloomberg.net]
Subject: RE: Did Pruitt go to the beach during his Morocco trip?

I wasn't there. I have no idea.

From: Ari Natter (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) [mailto:anatter5@bloomberg.net]
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 5:27 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: Did Pruitt go to the beach during his Morocco trip?

Sorry to keep pestering you! Can be on background...as "source familiar."

Sent from Bloomberg Professional for iPhone

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Sent: 4/23/2018 8:23:06 PM
To: Tomassi, Chris (Appropriations) [Chris_Tomassi@appro.senate.gov]
Attachments: April 27, 2018.docx

Chris, I wanted to provide you with information which the R members of your subcommittee may find useful.

Thanks.

Ryan Jackson
Chief of Staff
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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For April 26, 2018 Hearing

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INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

FALSE CLAIM ...

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt wasted taxpayer money on three international travel trips. What's not told is that the trip to Italy was for the G-7 environmental summit and the Morocco trip was to meet with government leaders about environmental issues. Finally, a planned trip to Australia was cancelled so Administrator Pruitt could stay in the U.S. and monitor relief efforts related to Hurricane Harvey.

Additionally, Pruitt's international travel has been criticized despite the fact he has taken fewer international trips and spent less money than his two predecessors: Gina McCarthy and Lisa Jackson.

PRECEDENT FOR EPA INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL ...

- Administrator Pruitt has taken 2 international trips: total cost \$160,000.
- Administrator McCarthy took 10 international trips: total cost \$630,000.
- Administrator Jackson took 4 international trips: total cost \$332,000 (including \$155,000 on one trip to China.)

Former EPA Administrators Gina McCarthy And Lisa Jackson Spent More On International Travel Than Pruitt. "Internal EPA documents provided to the Washington Free Beacon reveal Obama administration EPA administrators jet setting cost taxpayers roughly \$1 million. The EPA has spent \$124,000 for Pruitt and his security detail to travel to the G-7 summit in Italy and a trip to Morocco. McCarthy took 10 international trips in three years, including trips to Paris, Florence, Dubai, and Tokyo. Pruitt has come under scrutiny from the media for the travel costs, which include \$84,000 for the G-7 summit in Italy last summer in airfare for Pruitt and security... McCarthy spent \$629,743 on airfare and security for international trips between 2013 and 2016...Internal EPA documents show costs for trips to Ghana (\$68,382), Peru (\$45,140), Tokyo (\$74,738), Paris (\$41,321), Dubai (\$90,368), Tokyo (\$67,703), Florence (\$56,193), Vancouver (\$62,247), Vietnam (\$68,268), and Beijing (\$55,385)." ([HYPERLINK "[http://freebeacon.com/issues/obama-epa-administrators-spent-eight-times-pruitt-international-travel/](\"http://freebeacon.com/issues/obama-epa-administrators-spent-eight-times-pruitt-international-travel/\")"] 03/21/2018)

Lisa Jackson's China Trip Exceeded \$155,000. "Between 2009 and 2012, Jackson spent \$64,963 for trips to Tel Aviv; \$59,950 to Rio de Janeiro; \$51,436 to Montreal; and \$155,764 to Beijing, Guangzhou, and Shanghai." ([HYPERLINK "[http://freebeacon.com/issues/obama-epa-administrators-spent-eight-times-pruitt-international-travel/](\"http://freebeacon.com/issues/obama-epa-administrators-spent-eight-times-pruitt-international-travel/\")"] 03/21/2018)

ITALY ...

Administrator Pruitt Promoted The Importance Of International Engagement At His First G7 Meeting. "U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt attended his first G7 Environmental Ministerial Meeting, taking part in thoughtful bilateral discussions with his G7 counterparts. Less than two weeks after President Trump announced the United States' withdrawal from the Paris Accord, Administrator Pruitt emphasized now is the time to move forward with a discussion to find ways to positively engage with other countries in order to protect and use our natural

resources. 'The United States has always been a world leader when it comes to environmental stewardship, and that was demonstrated on a global stage today,' Administrator Pruitt said. 'I believe engaging in international discussion is of the utmost importance to the United States when it comes to environmental issues. I want to thank the government of Italy and Minister Galletti for the tremendous hospitality and leadership over this meeting.' 'The protection of the environment and public health,' said Italian Minister of the Environment Gian Luca Galletti, 'is a common goal for Italy and the United States. There are many themes that see our common commitment. The presence of Administrator Pruitt at the G7 Environment in Bologna has been a very important element that allowed us to start constructive dialogue on all environmental issues as well as to open new channels of business cooperation between our two countries.' Administrator Pruitt returned to the United States Sunday evening in order to attend the President's first full cabinet meeting scheduled for Monday. ([HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/administrator-pruitt-promotes-importance-international-engagement-first-g7-meeting"], 06/11/17)

Both Lisa Jackson And Gina McCarthy Attended The Same G-7 Meeting As Pruitt And EPA Security Details Followed The Same Protocol As Past Trips. "' Administrator Pruitt's security detail followed the same procedures for the G-7 environmental meeting in Italy that were used during EPA Administrators Stephen Johnson, Lisa Jackson and Gina McCarthy's trips to Italy,' agency spokesman Jahan Wilcox said in an email. 'EPA's security procedures have not deviated over the past 14 years.'" ([HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2018/03/20/on-italy-trip-travel-costs-for-epa-chiefs-security-detail-topped-30000/?utm_term=.f2660d3a8d9e"], 03/20/2018)

- **Gina McCarthy Also Visited The Vatican While In Rome.** "Explaining her visit Friday to the Vatican, the head of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said she wanted to let Pope Francis know that President Barack Obama is 'aligned with him' on the issue of climate change and is taking action." ([HYPERLINK "http://fore.yale.edu/news/item/epa-chief-at-vatican-obama-aligned-with-francis-on-climate-change/"], 01/30/2015)

Media Reports Suggest Pruitt's Trip To Italy Cost Too Much On Travel And Security. "Pruitt said he took official meetings during the entire four-day trip to Italy for the G-7 environmental summit in June of last year... Documents released earlier this week show that the cost of the trip was \$30,000 more than previously reported, bringing the total to around \$120,000. An EPA document showed that the cost of travel for Pruitt's security detail was \$30,559 the week of the trip. ([HYPERLINK "http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/scott-pruitt-defends-italy-trip-increased-scrutiny-travel/story?id=53947254"], 03/22/2018)

Pruitt Critics Purposefully Ignore The Significance Of The G7 Italy Trip. "That's a lot of money for Mr. Pruitt to tour the Vatican, pose for photos and tell his European counterparts that global warming doesn't matter,' Eric Schaeffer, executive director of the Environmental Integrity Project, said in a statement Tuesday. 'And it doesn't even include salary costs for everyone who signed up for this tour. Maybe next time he should just send his regrets.'" ([HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2018/03/20/on-italy-"]

trip-travel-costs-for-epa-chiefs-security-detail-topped-30000/?utm_term=.f2660d3a8d9e"], 03/20/2018)

EPA STATEMENT: "Administrator Pruitt attended numerous G7 meetings with his bilateral counterparts and in terms of security, EPA's Protective Service Detail tried to replicate the same security measures taken when EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy traveled to Italy in 2015." — EPA spokesman

On February 13, 2018 CBS News Reported That EPA Had "A Certificate Justifying The Return Flight From Milan," Allowing Administrator Pruitt To Fly On A Foreign Carrier Due To Lack Of Options Available From American Carriers. "A certificate justifying the return flight from Milan that the EPA provided to CBS News said Pruitt flew on a foreign carrier because it was the only available flight 'that would get the administrator back in time' to attend a Cabinet meeting with President Trump the next day." ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/epas-scott-pruitt-got-waiver-to-fly-business-class-on-non-u-s-carrier-from-italy-to-u-s/>"], 2/13/18)

MOROCCO ...

Administrator Pruitt Promotes Environmental Cooperation With Moroccan Government Officials. "U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt attended bilateral meetings in Morocco this week where he outlined U.S. environmental priorities for updating the Environmental Work Plan under the U.S.-Morocco Free Trade Agreement and the potential benefit of liquefied natural gas (LNG) imports on Morocco's economy. This visit comes on the heels of an EPA-led workshop in Rabat that shared U.S. best practices for solid waste management, public participation and crisis communication pursuant to the former Environmental Work Plan. 'These meetings allowed us to directly convey our priorities and best practices with Moroccan leaders, as well as identify opportunities for continued cooperation, as our two countries further talks around the Environmental Work Plan,' said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. 'We are committed to working closely with countries like Morocco to enhance environmental stewardship around the world.' Administrator Pruitt met with Moroccan Secretary of State of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mounia Boucetta, where the two discussed the importance of continued collaboration between the two countries. Following the meeting with Secretary Boucetta, he met with the Moroccan Minister of Energy, Mines and Sustainable Development, Aziz Rabbah, to discuss new and ongoing areas of collaboration under the Free Trade Agreement and the country's interest in importing LNG. Also during the visit to Morocco, Administrator Pruitt met with Moroccan Minister of Justice and Liberties, Mohamed Aujjar. The two focused on the importance of adhering to rule of law and the ongoing strategic cooperation between the two countries. Administrator Pruitt also toured the IRESEN Green Energy Park, where he saw firsthand the work being done to promote environmental innovation including solar energy across Morocco. ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/administrator-pruitt-promotes-environmental-cooperation-us-partners-morocco>"], 12/12/17)

The Washington Post Criticized Pruitt For Spending A Night In Paris, When In Reality His Outbound Flight Was Cancelled And He Was Forced To Spend A Night Near Charles De Gaulle

Airport In France. “An EPA official said the trip was affected by weather delays, which prompted the group to stay in Paris on Dec. 10 before arriving in Rabat the next day.” ([HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2018/03/20/new-documents-show-nearly-68000-in-recent-premium-flights-hotel-stays-for-epas-pruitt/?utm_term=.31763eee1f18"], 03/20/18)

ABC News Falsely Reported That Pruitt Had One Scheduled Meeting For The First Day, When In Fact His Flight Was Cancelled Due To Snow At Dulles And His Schedule Had To Be Adjusted. “Wilcox said Saturday that Pruitt originally had more meetings scheduled that first day in Morocco but his plans changed after weather delayed his flight out of Dulles International Airport on Dec. 9” ([HYPERLINK "<http://abc7news.com/epa-chief-recorded-a-single-one-hour-meeting-on-day-1-of-morocco-trip/3375083/>"], 04/21/18)

ABC News Criticized EPA Over A Portion Of Pruitt’s Calendar Which Was Redacted, When The Redaction Was For A Senior Staff Meeting, It Listed Of All 98 Attendees For A Meeting In Washington That He Never Attended. “The four-page redaction to the Morocco schedule is simply a calendar entry for a Senior Staff Meeting at EPA Headquarters in DC, which the Administrator did not attend because he was in Morocco. The entry includes all attendees invited to the meeting, which is the reason for the extensive redaction. Every meeting that took place in Morocco has been publicized and included on the Administrator’s schedule.”

Despite The False Narrative From The Media That Pruitt Went To Morocco To Solely Promote Natural Gas, He Attended Numerous Meetings On A Wide Range Of Topics. “Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt returned Wednesday from a trip to Morocco, where he talked with officials about their interest in importing natural gas as well as other areas of ‘continued cooperation’ between the two countries... The purpose of the trip sparked questions from environmental groups, Democratic lawmakers and some industry experts, who noted that EPA plays no formal role in overseeing natural gas exports. Such activities are overseen primarily by the Energy Department and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.” ([HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2017/12/13/scott-pruitt-and-a-crew-of-epa-aides-just-spent-four-days-in-morocco-promoting-natural-gas/?utm_term=.106293b9e412"], 12/13/2017)

Pruitt Had Numerous Meetings Pertaining To Agency Priorities, Including Disaster Relief, Solid Waste Response, And The Bilateral Free Trade Agreement Between The U.S. And Morocco. “Pruitt met with three top Moroccan officials, according to the agency statement, including the minister of energy, mines and sustainable development; the minister of justice and liberties; and the secretary of state to the minister of foreign affairs. Wilcox said Pruitt ‘discussed our bilateral free trade agreement, solid waste response, disaster relief and communications with top Moroccan officials...’ His visit came shortly after the EPA held a workshop in Rabat about solid waste management, public participation and crisis communication. Morocco, the only African country with which the United States has a free-trade agreement, is a signatory to the 2015 Paris climate agreement and has collaborated in the past with U.S. officials on its push to expand domestic solar energy production. During the trip, Moroccan officials took Pruitt on a

tour of the IRESEN Green Energy Park, which the EPA said showed the administrator ‘firsthand the work being done to promote environmental innovation, including solar energy across Morocco.’ ([HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2017/12/13/scott-pruitt-and-a-crew-of-epa-aides-just-spent-four-days-in-morocco-promoting-natural-gas/?utm_term=.106293b9e412"], 12/13/2017)

AUSTRALIA ...

Members Of Administrator Pruitt’s Advance Team And Security Detail Traveled To Australia Prior To Administrator Pruitt’s Scheduled Trip To Meet With Australian Officials. “Pruitt was scheduled to participate in environment-related meetings with Australian officials on a visit to Sydney and Canberra...Wilcox said the original itinerary included a meeting with Australia’s parliament.” ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-trump-pruitt-exclusive/exclusive-epa-chiefs-aides-security-agents-made-45000-trip-to-australia-idUSKBN1HQ2U7>"] 04/19/2018)

EPA STATEMENT: “Government employees who travel for longer than 14 hours are able to fly in business class and our advance team, which included Millan Hupp and Kevin Chmielewski, was adhering to the federal government’s travel policy. Their job was to arrive before Administrator Pruitt, who had meetings planned with the Australian government, but his trip was cancelled due to Hurricane Harvey.” – EPA spokesman

Government Officials Are Authorized To Travel In Business Class If Flights Exceed 14 hours. “The purchase of business-class tickets was not a violation of U.S. government policy, which allows federal employees to travel business class on trips lasting 14 hours or more.” ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-trump-pruitt-exclusive/exclusive-epa-chiefs-aides-security-agents-made-45000-trip-to-australia-idUSKBN1HQ2U7>"] 04/19/2018)

The Trip Was Ultimately Cancelled Due To Emergency Agency Needs Surrounding Hurricane Harvey. “EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox said Pruitt’s trip was canceled because of Hurricane Harvey, which caused major flooding and damage in Texas. Pruitt ended up going to Corpus Christi, Texas to assess the agency’s relief efforts instead.” ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-trump-pruitt-exclusive/exclusive-epa-chiefs-aides-security-agents-made-45000-trip-to-australia-idUSKBN1HQ2U7>"] 04/19/2018)

On August 30, 2017, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt Visited Corpus Christi “To Assess EPA Relief Efforts And Thank Responders.” “U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt traveled to Corpus Christi today to assess EPA relief efforts and thank responders. Administrator Pruitt also met with local and state leaders to discuss continued relief measures in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey.” ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/administrator-pruitt-meets-hurricane-harvey-responders-and-officials-texas>"], 8/30/17)

Pruitt Stated That He Saw The “Devastation Endured By Texas” Firsthand While Visiting Corpus Christi. “The devastation endured by Texas this week is unfathomable. As I saw firsthand today, the Lone Star State has shown commendable perseverance in helping their

fellow neighbors through this crisis,' said Administrator Pruitt. 'EPA is committed to working with our federal, state, and local partners to provide relief to the affected regions.'" ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/administrator-pruitt-meets-hurricane-harvey-responders-and-officials-texas>"], 8/30/17)

Pruitt Had Been Scheduled To Participate In Environment-Related Meetings In Sydney And Canberra, Australia, But Cancelled The Trips Due To Hurricane Harvey. "Pruitt was scheduled to participate in environment-related meetings with Australian officials on a visit to Sydney and Canberra. EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox said Pruitt's trip was canceled because of Hurricane Harvey, which caused major flooding and damage in Texas. Pruitt ended up going to Corpus Christi, Texas to assess the agency's relief efforts instead." ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-trump-pruitt-exclusive/exclusive-epa-chiefs-aides-security-agents-made-45000-trip-to-australia-idUSKBN1HQ2U7>"], 4/19/18)

PRUITT'S ONE-BEDROOM LEASE ON CAPITOL HILL

VICKI AND STEVE HART ...

EPA STATEMENT: "When Administrator Pruitt arrived in Washington, he stayed at a condo owned by a friend and paid her for it. Vicki Hart is the sole owner of this complex and is a healthcare lobbyist." - EPA spokesman.

Steven Hart Is A Friend Of The Administrator's From Oklahoma And The Living Situation Was Temporary Until A Permanent Washington, DC Residence Could Be Arranged. "'My wife wasn't here yet. My children were back in Oklahoma,' Pruitt said. 'The needs were different. As soon as my wife came up, we moved to a different location where I couldn't just be living out of a suitcase...' Speaking of Hart, Pruitt said: 'He's the chairman of a law firm. I've know this gentleman for years. He's an Oklahoman, and his firm represents these [energy industry] clients, not him. There has been no connection whatsoever in that regard.'" ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.dailysignal.com/2018/04/03/ethics-officials-okd-bedroom-rental-epa-chief-says/>"],

04/03/2018)

Steven Hart Did Meet With Administrator Pruitt in 2017 But Claims It Was Done For A Friend And Not In An Official Capacity.

“Mr. Hart disputed on Saturday that his story had changed, saying in a written statement that his work with Mr. Treacy was not compensated and not on behalf of Smithfield. ‘I assisted a friend who serves on the Chesapeake Bay Commission, and this is inaccurately being tied to Smithfield Foods,’ Mr. Hart said. ‘I was not paid for this assistance and any suggestion that I lobbied for Smithfield Foods is inaccurate...’ a spokesman for Mr. Hart, Ryan Williams, told The New York Times that Mr. Hart had met with Mr. Pruitt in 2017, along with Dennis Treacy, a former Smithfield executive vice president. Mr. Treacy now serves on the board of directors of the Smithfield Foundation, which the food company describes as its philanthropic arm with a focus of combating hunger.” ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/21/climate/pruitt-hart-condo-epa-lobbying.html>"], 04/21/2018)

Steven Hart Attended A Meeting With Dennis Treacy, Former Executive Vice President Of Smithfield Foods, And Administrator Pruitt Met To Discuss Restoring The Chesapeake Bay And Was Not Conducted At The Request Of Smithfield Foods.

“‘Smithfield Foods, Inc. has learned Williams & Jensen has advocated in support of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) programs to help the Chesapeake Bay,’ the company said in a statement Saturday. ‘The objective, while laudable, was not undertaken at the direction of or on behalf of Smithfield Foods. These activities were conducted at the request of a then former executive and current Smithfield Foundation board member, Dennis Treacy, in his personal capacity.’” ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/21/climate/pruitt-hart-condo-epa-lobbying.html>"], 04/21/2018)

EPA ETHICS OFFICIALS CLEARED PRUITT’S LEASE ...

On March 29, 2018, ABC News Reported EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt Lived In A Condo Owned By The Wife Of A Lobbyist Steven Hart.

“Hart confirmed to ABC News in a brief interview that Pruitt had lived in the flat, which is owned by a limited liability company that links to an address listed to Hart and his wife Vicki Hart, a lobbyist with expertise in the healthcare arena. Steven Hart said Vicki Hart co-owns the condo. He said his wife was not the majority owner, but would not identify her partners.” ([HYPERLINK "<http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/exclusive-cabinet-trouble-trump-epa-chief-lived-condo/story?id=54095310>"], 03/29/2018)

EPA Ethics Counsel Concludes Arrangement Wasn’t Ethics Issue Because Pruitt Paid Rent.

“Bloomberg reviewed six canceled checks paid by Pruitt totaling \$6,100 from March 18 through Sept 1, 2017. He paid \$450 on March 18, \$900 on April 26, \$850 on May 15, \$700 on June 4, \$1,500 on July 22 and \$1,700 on Sept 1... Justina Fugh, who has been ethics counsel at the EPA for a dozen years, said the arrangement wasn’t an ethics issue because Pruitt paid rent... Fugh, the EPA’s ethics counsel, said no gift was involved. It was a routine business arrangement between Pruitt and an individual, not a lobbying firm, she added.” ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-03-30/epa-chief-s-50-a-night-rental-said-to-raise->

white-house-angst"], 03/29/18)

EPA Ethics Official Concluded That Pruitt's \$50 A Night / \$1,500 A Month Was Market Rate For One Bedroom On Capitol Hill. "In a memo obtained by CBS News, the Environmental Protection Agency's Ethics Official and Deputy Counsel concluded that EPA Administrator's Scott Pruitt's housing arrangement did not breach any ethical violations or constitute a gift. The memo, signed by EPA Deputy Counsel Kevin Minoli, says that the EPA's investigation determined that 'when checked against the price of traditional month-to-month rentals that would most likely offer increased privacy and exclusivity of use, a converted amount of \$1,500 for Tenant's portion of the rent under the lease is within the range of amounts charged for locations no further than three blocks away.'" ([HYPERLINK "file:///C:\\Users\\jhewit01\\Documents\\%3ehhttps:\\www.cbsnews.com\\news\\epa-ethics-official-argues-scott-pruitts-condo-rental-wasnt-ethics-breach\\%3c"], 4/4/18)

OBAMA'S TREASURY SECRETARY TIMOTHY GEITNER LIVED RENT-FREE IN A BANKING EXECUTIVE'S HOME ...

During The Previous Administration, Then-Treasury Secretary Timothy Geitner Lived Rent-Free In A \$3.5 Million Townhouse Owned By A Bank Executive While Geitner Was Overseeing The Bailout Crisis For Wall Street Banks "Geithner lived with Zelikow's family in the six-bedroom house, which is next door to the residence of the ambassador of Monaco and not far from the home of Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, during most of his first eight months running the Treasury Department. At that time, Geithner was overseeing the bailout of several huge Wall Street banks, including JPMorgan, which received \$25 billion in federal rescue funds from the TARP program... The bank, JPMorgan Chase, has just rehired one of Geithner's oldest and dearest friends, Daniel Zelikow, as a top executive, only a year after the Treasury secretary moved out of his rent-free accommodations in Zelikow's \$3.5 million Washington townhouse." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.thedailybeast.com/treasury-secretary-timothy-geithners-wall-street-conflict"], 08/15/10)

THREATS AGAINST PRUITT

ON APRIL 6, 2018 THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FALSELY CLAIMED THEIR WERE NO THREATS AGAINST ADMINISTRATOR PRUITT ...

On April 6, 2018, The Associated Press Falsely Reported That There Are No Threats Against Administrator Pruitt Because No Arrests Or Charges Have Been Filed. “A nationwide search of state and federal court records by AP found no case where anyone has been arrested or charged with threatening Pruitt. EPA’s press office did not respond Friday to provide details of any specific threats or arrests.” ([HYPERLINK "<http://www.therepublic.com/2018/04/06/us-trump-epa-security/>"], 4/6/18)

PREVIOUS MEDIA REPORTS DISPUTE THIS CLAIM ...

On April 11, 2018, CBS News Reported That Administrator Pruitt Received Numerous Threats Including One “Deemed Serious Enough To Prosecute” By The Department Of Justice. “CBS News has obtained an August 2017 report prepared by the Environmental Protection Agency’s office of inspector general that contains a list of 13 threats made against EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt and his family. The threats range in severity, credibility and specificity. One tweet flagged by investigators said, ‘Pruitt, I’m gonna find you and put a bullet between your eyes. Don’t think I’m joking. I’m planning this.’ Investigators believe the threat was made by someone living in India... In certain cases, cases were referred to the Justice Department, but just one was deemed serious enough to prosecute. The report covers the period from Oct. 2016 to Aug. 2017.” ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/here-are-some-of-the-threats-made-against-epa-administrator-scott-pruitt/>"], 4/11/18)

On January 11, 2018 E&E News Reported That “Pruitt Has Faced More Threats Than His Immediate Predecessors, Former Administrators Gina McCarthy And Lisa Jackson.” “In an interview with E&E News, Patrick Sullivan, EPA’s assistant IG for investigations, said the watchdog opened roughly 70 threat probes in fiscal 2017, including cases and complaints related to EPA facilities and personnel. That surpassed the total of about 45 such probes into threats against EPA from fiscal 2016. Sullivan also said Pruitt has faced more threats than his immediate predecessors, former administrators Gina McCarthy and Lisa Jackson. ‘He has had significantly more threats directed against him. There’s absolutely no question about it,’ Sullivan said.” ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.eenews.net/stories/1060070805>"], 1/11/18)

On November 1, 2017 The Wall Street Journal Reported On “More Than 70 Credible Threats Against EPA Staffers, With A Disproportionate Number Menacing Administrator Scott Pruitt And His Family.” “Since the Trump Administration took office, the agency has investigated more than 70 credible threats against EPA staffers, with a disproportionate number menacing Administrator Scott Pruitt and his family... Mr. Pruitt has received more than five times as many threats as his predecessor, Gina McCarthy. These include explicit death threats. Some have referenced Mr. Pruitt’s home address. Federal law enforcement has determined that some of

those threatening Mr. Pruitt are likely capable of carrying out acts of violence. EPA security has already caught suspects prowling around the administrator's neighborhood." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.wsj.com/articles/keeping-scott-pruitt-safe-1509578717"], 11/1/17)

EPA'S PROTECTICE SERVICE DETAIL & SPENDING

EPA STATEMENTS ...

Spending Decisions Are Made By EPA'S Protective Service Detail. "Security decisions are made by EPA's Protective Service Detail and are similar to security protocol across the federal government." – EPA spokesman

Pruitt Has Faced An Unprecedented Amount Of Threats Against Him. "According to EPA's Assistant Inspector General, Scott Pruitt has faced an unprecedented amount of death threats against him and security decisions are made by EPA's Protective Service Detail. Americans should all agree that members of the President's cabinet should be kept safe from these violent threats." – EPA spokesman

SECURE PHONE LINE ...

Pruitt's \$43,000 Soundproof Phone Booth Started More Modestly. "In the beginning, it was supposed to be just a secure telephone line. But over the course of four months last year, that phone line destined for the office of Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt morphed from a no-more-than \$13,500 project into a \$43,000 privacy booth, complete with silenced ventilation and "noise-lock" paneling to keep conversations from being overheard, according to documents obtained by Bloomberg News." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-04-20/pruitt-s-43-000-soundproof-phone-booth-started-more-modestly"], 4/20/18)

Costs Ballooned After Initial Cost Estimate Was Created. "EPA officials seeking bids for the project initially estimated a privacy booth would cost \$13,500 on a July 24, 2017 requisition form. Another \$11,500 was added on Aug. 17, and an additional \$570 was included on Aug. 23 as the staff closed in on a final vendor. That \$25,570, including a \$1,000 after-hours delivery charge, was just for the booth itself; total costs ballooned to \$43,000 after prep work and installation, including leveling a concrete floor to insert the pre-fabricated steel box. Former Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff Reginald Allen – who had the top career post in the EPA – sent booth costs of \$24,570 to Chmielewski on Aug. 23, adding that he was waiting for an estimate for the floor from Jefferson's team. Another email says funding was being handled by Allen's office." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-04-20/pruitt-s-43-000-soundproof-phone-booth-started-more-modestly"], 4/20/18)

Career Staff, Not Pruitt, Were Behind EPA's \$43K Phone Booth. "However, the documents 'show the heavy role played by career officials who have purchasing power — and suggest political appointees without the authority to approve acquisitions were less involved,' Dlouhy reported. 'Administrator Pruitt simply requested a secure phone line but never asked for a soundproof booth, nor did he have knowledge of its purchase,' EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox told Bloomberg. The secure phone booth was initially estimated to cost \$13,500, but soon morphed into \$43,000 project, 'complete with silenced ventilation and 'noise-lock' paneling to keep conversations from being overheard,' according to Bloomberg." ([HYPERLINK "http://dailycaller.com/2018/04/20/pruitt-soundproofphone-booth/"], 4/20/18)

EPA Career Officials Oversaw The Contract For The Phone Line. “Career officials at the Environmental Protection Agency who oversaw the funding and construction of a controversial secure phone booth for Administrator Scott Pruitt's office were acting at the behest of political appointees and security staff, documents obtained by CBS News show. The documents show that the project started soliciting bids at an estimated \$13,500 last summer. It eventually cost \$43,000, which included painting, floor and ceiling work and prepping the room. Presented with four pricing options ranging between \$20,560 and \$24,570, career officials chose the most expensively priced because it included ‘expedited materials and working outside regular business hours.’” ([[HYPERLINK "https://www.cbsnews.com/news/documents-provide-window-into-scott-pruitts-controversial-43000-phone-booth/"](https://www.cbsnews.com/news/documents-provide-window-into-scott-pruitts-controversial-43000-phone-booth/)], 04/20/18)

The Daily Caller: Career Staff, Not Pruitt, Were Behind EPA’s \$43K Phone Booth [[HYPERLINK "https://t.co/uaxNEzD695"](https://t.co/uaxNEzD695) \t "_blank"] ([[HYPERLINK "https://twitter.com/DailyCaller/status/988015035032199168"](https://twitter.com/DailyCaller/status/988015035032199168)], 04/22/2018)

Jennifer Dlouhy, Bloomberg Reporter: New documents show how a possibly modest request for a secure phone line in EPA Chief Pruitt’s office morphed into a \$43,000 soundproof booth w/ noise-lock paneling & silenced ventilation. ([[HYPERLINK "https://twitter.com/jendlouhyhc/status/987307909490110464"](https://twitter.com/jendlouhyhc/status/987307909490110464)], 04/20/18)

Steve Milloy, JunkScience: JunkScience: Pfft... another line of attack on @EPAScottPruitt fizzles. Pruitt only asked for a secure phone line for \$13,500. But the bureaucracy tripled the cost. ([[HYPERLINK "https://twitter.com/JunkScience/status/987374401858560000"](https://twitter.com/JunkScience/status/987374401858560000)], 04/20/18)

Chris Mooney, Washington Post Reporter: Pruitt's \$43,000 phone booth started more modestly [[HYPERLINK "https://t.co/scXONahEul"](https://t.co/scXONahEul) \t "_blank" \o "https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-04-20/pruitt-s-43-000-soundproof-phone-booth-started-more-modestly"] via [[HYPERLINK "https://twitter.com/bpolitics/"](https://twitter.com/bpolitics/) \t "_blank"] ([[HYPERLINK "https://twitter.com/chriscmooney/status/987437139674763264"](https://twitter.com/chriscmooney/status/987437139674763264)], 04/20/18)

Major Garrett, CBS Chief White House Correspondent: Documents provide window into Scott Pruitt’s controversial \$43,000 phone booth [[HYPERLINK "https://t.co/TDsD5NjoIC"](https://t.co/TDsD5NjoIC) \t "_blank" \o "https://www.cbsnews.com/news/documents-provide-window-into-scott-pruitts-controversial-43000-phone-booth/"] via [[HYPERLINK "https://twitter.com/CBSPolitics/"](https://twitter.com/CBSPolitics/) \t "_blank"] ([[HYPERLINK "https://twitter.com/MajorCBS/status/987461116296159232"](https://twitter.com/MajorCBS/status/987461116296159232)], 04/20/2018)

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BULLET-PROOF VEHICLES MYTH ...

EPA Corrects Media Reports About Bulletproof Tires And Bullet-Resistant Seat Covers For Pruitt. “The Environmental Protection Agency is correcting the record, claiming news reports about bulletproof tires and bullet-resistant seat covers to protect its embattled chief Scott Pruitt at government expense were inaccurate. EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox told Fox News: ‘We would like to put this rumor to rest. EPA has no bulletproof vehicles, tires or seat covers, the agency has no contracts for any bulletproof vehicles, tires or seat covers, and the agency never sought any contracts for bulletproof vehicles, tires or seat covers.’ Wilcox also sent to Fox News ‘the federal purchase order, which reveals there was no purchase of bulletproof tires or bullet-resistant covers.’ Wilcox added, ‘In response to an individual attempting to assassinate numerous Congressional Republicans while they practiced for a charity baseball game, EPA’s Protective Service Detail placed bullet-proof vests over each seat.’” ([HYPERLINK "http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2018/04/18/epa-corrects-reports-about-bulletproof-tires-and-bullet-resistant-seat-covers-for-pruitt.html"], 4/18/18)

SECURITY SWEEPS ...

Former EPA Administrators Lisa Jackson And Gina McCarthy Also Had Their Office Swept. “He added, ‘According to EPA’s Protective Service, security sweeps are common practice in government, as former EPA Administrators Lisa Jackson and Gina McCarthy also had their office swept.’ While there was no competitive bidding for Steinmetz’s [\$3,000] contract, Wilcox said the agency considered multiple vendors for the biometric locks used in Pruitt’s office and for the EPA inspector general.” ([HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2018/03/06/man-hired-to-sweep-scott-pruitts-office-for-bugs-is-in-business-with-a-top-epa-security-official/?utm_term=.90f1a1719111"], 3/6/18)

FIRST CLASS TRAVEL

Security Incidents Prompted EPA Officials To Move Administrator Pruitt To First Or Business Class. “The shift to first-class travel began after May 2017, when EPA officials saw how recognizable Pruitt was to the general public, Barnett said. There were ‘incidents where he was being approached – vulgar language, people were being somewhat aggressive towards him – and so the special agent in charge provided documentation – a memo – to me and up the chain of command requesting the administrator be placed in business- or first-class to avoid these potential issues for the safety of the administrator.’” ([HYPERLINK "https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-02-15/epa-chief-s-high-flying-travel-prompted-by-vulgar-encounters"], 02/15/2018)

Prior To Every Flight, EPA Submitted A Security-Related Waiver To Approve Administrator Pruitt’s Travel Arrangements. “EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox said the agency submits a security-related waiver for each trip Pruitt takes.” ([HYPERLINK "https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-02-15/epa-chief-s-high-flying-travel-prompted-by-vulgar-encounters"], 02/15/2018)

EPA Submitted Letter To House Oversight Committee Chairman Explaining Waiver. “In a letter to Gowdy, EPA said that Pruitt’s first class travel was approved ‘on an individualized basis,’ and was necessary due to security concerns. His security detail, the letter said, ‘identified specific, ongoing threats associated with the administration administrator’s air travel and, therefore, shifted his class based on security protocols that require him to be near the front of the plane.’” ([HYPERLINK "https://www.thedailybeast.com/scott-pruitt-spent-dollar105000-on-first-class-flights-2"], 3/20/18)

EPA Spent \$105,000 On First Class Travel For Administrator Pruitt For Travel. “Environmental Protection Agency administration Scott Pruitt spent about \$105,000 on first class airfare since assuming the post, records obtained by The Daily Beast show. The details of Pruitt’s travel are spelled out in documents sent to congressional investigators on Tuesday as part of the House Oversight Committee’s probe into the use of taxpayer resources for official government travel.” ([HYPERLINK "https://www.thedailybeast.com/scott-pruitt-spent-dollar105000-on-first-class-flights-2"], 3/20/18)

In February 2018, Administrator Pruitt Announced He Directed Security Team To Accommodate Threats To Allow Him To Fly Coach. “‘There’s a change coming, because look the security threat matters,’ Pruitt said. ‘What I’ve told them going forward is this: There is a change occurring, you’re going to accommodate the security threats as they exist, you’re going to accommodate those in all ways, alternate ways, up to and including flying coach, and that is what’s going to happen on my very next flight. So those things are happening right away.’” ([HYPERLINK "https://www.cbsnews.com/news/scott-pruitt-my-very-next-flight-will-be-coach-epa-administrator-the-takeout-interview/"], 02/28/2018)

The Associated Press Used Flights On Southwest Airlines – Which Does Not Have First Class –

To Push Their False Narrative That Pruitt Flies Coach When He Is Paying For Person Travel.

“The AP released a report on Wednesday titled: ‘EPA chief sat in coach when not flying on taxpayer’s dime.’ The headline — and the opening lede — suggested that the leader of the EPA makes more economical decisions when taking personal flights, as opposed to his travel when conducting official business. However, there is one major detail included about Southwest Airlines: They do not offer first-class travel. This detail was included in the body of the AP article, but the headline and angle of the report framed Pruitt as a hypocrite when it comes to personal travel.” ([HYPERLINK "<http://dailycaller.com/2018/04/19/associated-press-scott-pruitt-travel/>"], 4/19/18)

The Associated Press Falsely Reported That EPA Confirmed Their Claim. “This was not the only detail the EPA took issue with. The AP claimed on Twitter that it confirmed their story with the agency. However, EPA spokesperson Jahan Wilcox said this tweet is false and that the agency never confirmed their report. ‘The same security procedures are followed whether Administrator Pruitt is on official or personal travel,’ the official statement provided to the AP read. The statement neither confirmed nor denied the story.” ([HYPERLINK "<http://dailycaller.com/2018/04/19/associated-press-scott-pruitt-travel/>"], 4/19/18)

PRUITT'S EPA EMAIL ACCOUNTS

EPA STATEMENT: "When EPA receives a FOIA request concerning the Administrator's emails, all accounts associated are searched before we respond to that request." – Steve Fine, Acting Chief Information Officer

EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy had 4 email accounts: [[HYPERLINK](#)

"mailto:5178RAMcCarthy@epa.gov"], [[HYPERLINK](#) "mailto:Adm13McCarthy@epa.gov"], [[HYPERLINK](#) "mailto:GinaMcCarthy.epaadministrator@epa.gov"], and [[HYPERLINK](#) "mailto:McCarthy.Gina@epa.gov"].

Obama EPA officials said multiple email addresses for the Administrator "have been standard practice since the Clinton Administration."

"The internal account exists so that Jackson's communications with other government officials aren't buried under the crush of emails flooding into her public account, [[HYPERLINK](#) "mailto:jackson.lisap@epa.gov"], which got 1.5 million emails in fiscal year 2012, EPA says. The agency says such dual- account arrangements have been standard practice since the Clinton administration, when EPA Administrator Carol Browner was first assigned two @epa.gov email addresses. 'For more than a decade, EPA administrators have been assigned two official, government-issued email accounts: a public account and an internal account,' EPA said in a statement to POLITICO." ([[HYPERLINK](#) "https://www.politico.com/story/2012/11/lisa-jacksons-windsor-knot-084112"], Politico, 11/20/12)

Lisa Jackson had one email for the public and one internal account to communicate with staff and other government officials.

"The email address for the public account is posted on EPA's website and is used by hundreds of thousands of Americans to send messages to the administrator. The internal account is an everyday, working email account of the administrator to communicate with staff and other government officials." ([[HYPERLINK](#) "https://www.politico.com/story/2012/11/lisa-jacksons-windsor-knot-084112"], Politico, 11/20/12)

George W. Bush's Administration said there was nothing usual about Lisa Jackson's multiple email accounts.

"High-ranking officials from George W. Bush's EPA agree that the arrangement is nothing new, and say they were never under the impression that the internal account was a secret. Senior EPA leadership and EPA regional administrators had the email address, as did anyone to whom the administrator provided it, and the messages were all considered part of the public record. When it comes to public records and FOIA requests, 'both the public and internal accounts are reviewed for responsive records, and responsive records from both accounts are provided to FOIA requesters,' EPA said." ([[HYPERLINK](#) "https://www.politico.com/story/2012/11/lisa-jacksons-windsor-knot-084112"], Politico, 11/20/12)

RAISES TO STAFF & AD HIRING AUTHORITY

The Atlantic falsely claimed that Administrator Scott Pruitt was responsible for substantial pay raises to two staff. “In early March, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt approached the White House with a request: He wanted substantial pay raises for two of his closest aides.” ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2018/04/pruitt-epa/557123/https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2018/04/pruitt-epa/557123/>"], 4/3/18)

Administrator Pruitt swiftly denied his involvement in the raises. “I found out this yesterday and I corrected the action and we are in the process of finding out how it took place and correcting it,” – EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt ([HYPERLINK "<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2018/04/04/epas-scott-pruitt-pushes-back-on-pay-raise-condo-controversy-in-fox-exclusive.html>"], 4/4/18)

Ryan Jackson, EPA Chief of Staff, went on the record stating that Administrator Pruitt had zero knowledge of the raises. “Administrator Pruitt had zero knowledge of the amount of the raises, nor the process by which they transpired. These kind of personnel actions are handled by EPA’s HR officials, Presidential Personnel Office and me,” Jackson said in a prepared statement Monday. – Ryan Jackson, EPA Chief of Staff ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.politico.com/story/2018/04/09/pruitt-epa-raises-511112https://www.politico.com/story/2018/04/09/pruitt-epa-raises-511112>"], 4/9/18)

Jackson provided Politico with reasoning for the substantial raises but confirmed that they had been reversed per Pruitt’s direction. “He [Ryan Jackson] said the staffers were to be paid “similar to their peers given their responsibilities over the past year,” and that their original salaries started lower than their colleagues’ because they had moved to Washington, D.C., from Oklahoma, where salaries are lower. He added that the raises had been reversed, as Pruitt instructed, and any future changes would go through the White House for evaluation.” ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.politico.com/story/2018/04/09/pruitt-epa-raises-511112https://www.politico.com/story/2018/04/09/pruitt-epa-raises-511112>"], 4/9/18)

EPA’s Office of Inspector General issued a Management Alert on Salary Increases for Certain Administratively Determined Positions on 4/16/18, which referenced EPA’s further reasoning for the raises. “These salary determinations for appointees were made by the Agency chief of staff, White House liaison, and Agency human resources staff based on previous salary history and increases in salary were made due to either new and additional responsibilities or promotions. The salaries involved were meant to correspond directly with the responsibilities the individual held and to attempt to ensure no salary disparities among positions of equivalent or similar responsibilities with other political appointees as much as possible. As employees continue to work in the agency reaching milestones like one year of employment and/or continue to take on new responsibilities, we will further evaluate their salaries to ensure the employees compensation is commensurate with their seniority and work.” (EPA’s 4/15/18 response to OIG’s 4/11/18 draft report, [HYPERLINK "<https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018->

04/documents/_epaoig_20180416-18-n-0154.pdf"], 4/16/18) [See attached for OIG management alert]

EPA's Office of Inspector General further provides the HR documentation supporting the raises in this Management Alert, which show Ryan Jackson approved the raises. Documents show that authorizations for these raises (Employee A and Employee B), were signed "Ryan Jackson for Scott Pruitt." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-04/documents/_epaoig_20180416-18-n-0154.pdf"], 4/16/18) [See attached for OIG management alert]

EPA STATEMENT: "The Safe Drinking Water Act provides the EPA with broad authority to appoint scientific, engineering, professional, legal, and administrative positions within EPA without regard to the civil service laws. This is clear authority that has been relied on by previous administrations," EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox said in a statement. ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2018/04/pruitt-epa/557123/>"], 4/3/18)

- **Direct Text of Statute:** "*§ 300j–10. Appointment of scientific, etc., personnel by Administrator of Environmental Protection Agency for implementation of responsibilities; compensation*
To the extent that the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency deems such action necessary to the discharge of his functions under title XIV of the Public Health Service Act [42 U.S.C. 300f et seq.] (relating to safe drinking water) and under other provisions of law, he may appoint personnel to fill not more than thirty scientific, engineering, professional, legal, and administrative positions within the Environmental Protection Agency without regard to the civil service laws and may fix the compensation of such personnel not in excess of the maximum rate payable for GS–18 of the General Schedule under section 5332 of title 5." ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/USCODE-2015-title42/pdf/USCODE-2015-title42-chap6A-subchapXII-partE-sec300j-10.pdf>"])

Multiple EPA employees from previous administrations have confirmed its wide use. "Stan Meiburg, who spent 39 years at EPA, including as acting deputy administrator in the Obama administration, said, "It has been done by both parties, so it has been ratified over time.... These are highly prized positions because you can bring people in without having to go through the usual competition process." Meiburg remembered both the George W. Bush and Obama administrations having AD hires. ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.eenews.net/stories/1060078167/print>"], 4/4/18)

- "A provision of the Safe Drinking Water Act allows the EPA administrator to hire up to 30 people into the agency, without White House or congressional approval. The provision, meant to help expedite the hiring of experts and allow for more flexible staffing, became law in 1996. In past administrations, it has been used to hire specialists into custom-made roles in especially stressed offices, according to Bob Perciasepe, a former acting EPA administrator." ([HYPERLINK "

"<https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2018/04/pruitt-epa/557123/><https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2018/04/pruitt-epa/557123/>"], 4/3/18)

When asked about how the AD hiring authority has been used in previous administrations, former EPA employees all had conflicting comments on what it was used for, supporting that the statute gives broad authority to the Administrator. "Stan Meiburg, who spent 39 years at EPA, including as acting deputy administrator in the Obama administration... recalled some of those hires landing as political aides to EPA regional chiefs during those administrations. Meiburg said it made sense that the Trump administration would use the hiring authority for political aides like press officials and schedulers to assist Pruitt. "Those are pretty specialized skills, and there are folks in the political field who have those skills," said Meiburg, who now teaches at Wake Forest University. "That's not to say you don't need a good solid career staff in public affairs, as well." But Meiburg found it noteworthy that Pruitt had used the hiring authority to bring on deputy assistant administrators. "The use of the AD authority to bring on a political deputy is a little unusual," Meiburg said. "*Most of the AD appointments are at a lower level.* You usually have a non-career SES be a political deputy." ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.eenews.net/stories/1060078167/print>"], 4/4/18)

- ***"The people I knew of in that category were well-seasoned, experienced professionals in their fields,"*** said Ken Kopocis, who headed the Office of Water from 2011 to 2015. "We did not use it as a way to get around the White House. ... It's not designed to fill up your political slots." ([HYPERLINK "[https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/powerpost/paloma/the-energy-202/2018/04/04/the-energy-202-environmentalists-ethics-experts-question-scott-pruitt-s-unusual-hiring-practice/5ac3e5d330fb0478f2925189/](\"https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/powerpost/paloma/the-energy-202/2018/04/04/the-energy-202-environmentalists-ethics-experts-question-scott-pruitt-s-unusual-hiring-practice/5ac3e5d330fb0478f2925189/\")"], 04/04/18)
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KEVIN CHMIELEWESKI & SENATE DEMOCRATS' LETTER

ALLEGATION 1 ...

Mr. Chmielewski provided several examples to lawmakers of wasteful security spending beyond justifying the use of first-class travel under the guise of security. This includes the purchase of bulletproof vests and weapons, biometric locks, a security sweep of Administrator Pruitt's office, one or more new SUVs for Administrator Pruitt's travel (rather than obtaining vehicles from the General Services Administration), and a \$30,000 contract with private Italian security personnel entered into by Mr. Nino Perrotta, the Special Agent who leads Administrator Pruitt's security detail. Mr. Chmielewski explained that at least one security-related contract was awarded to an individual who works at Mr. Perrotta's private security firm, and he believes that other contracts may also have been awarded to friends or associates of Mr. Perrotta's.

SECURITY DETAIL FOR THE G-7 SUMMIT IN ITALY ...

EPA Security Detail Followed The Same Security Procedures On The G7 Trip That Have Been Used For The Previous 14 Years. "EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox said the security detail 'followed the same procedures for the G7 environmental meeting in Italy that were used during EPA Administrators Stephen Johnson, Lisa Jackson, and Gina McCarthy's trips to Italy. EPA's security procedures have not deviated over the past 14 years.'" ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-epa-spending/epa-chiefs-security-detail-on-italy-trip-cost-30000-document-idUSKBN1GW29H?il=0>"], 3/20/18)

EPA STATEMENT: "Administrator Pruitt attended numerous G7 meetings with his bilateral counterparts and in terms of security, EPA's Protective Service Detail tried to replicate the same security measures taken when EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy traveled to Italy in 2015." – EPA spokesman

BULLETPROOF VEHICLES ...

On April 19, 2018 Fox News Reported That EPA Pushed Back On Claims Of Purchasing Bulletproof Materials, Stating That The Agency Has Never Sought Nor Purchased Any Bulletproof Vehicles, Tires, Or Seat Covers. "EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox told Fox News: 'We would like to put this rumor to rest. EPA has no bulletproof vehicles, tires or seat covers, the agency has no contracts for any bulletproof vehicles, tires or seat covers, and the agency never sought any contracts for bulletproof vehicles, tires or seat covers.'" ([HYPERLINK "<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2018/04/18/epa-corrects-reports-about-bulletproof-tires-and-bullet-resistant-seat-covers-for-pruitt.html>"], 4/19/18)

SECURITY SWEEPS/LOCKS ...

EPA Spokesman Jahan Wilcox Stated That "Security Sweeps Are Common Practice In Government, As Former EPA Administrators Lisa Jackson And Gina McCarthy Also Had Their Office Swept." "He added, 'According to EPA's Protective Service, security sweeps are common practice in government, as former EPA Administrators Lisa Jackson and Gina McCarthy also had their office swept.' While there was no competitive bidding for Steinmetz's contract, Wilcox

said the agency considered multiple vendors for the biometric locks used in Pruitt's office and for the EPA inspector general." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2018/03/06/man-hired-to-sweep-scott-pruitts-office-for-bugs-is-in-business-with-a-top-epa-security-official/?utm_term=.90f1a1719111"], 3/6/18)

ALLEGATION 2 ...

Mr. Chmielewski told Congressional staff that Administrator Pruitt spent well beyond the \$5,000 allowed by law to decorate his office, including refinishing an antique desk, purchasing an additional standing desk, paying leases for art on loan from the Smithsonian Institution, framing an 8x10 foot United States flag, and building a \$43,000 soundproof phone booth.

SMITHSONIAN'S POLICY/STATEMENT ...

Chmielewski Claimed That EPA Was Paying Leases For Artwork On Loan From The Smithsonian Institution, This Claim Is False As The Smithsonian Routinely Loans Cabinet Officials Paintings Free Of Charge. "One thing Chmielewski told Democrats was that EPA was 'paying leases for art on loan from the Smithsonian Institution' to furnish Pruitt's office. Chmielewski's also claimed Pruitt 'spent well beyond the \$5,000 allowed by law to decorate' his office, which included 'refinishing an antique desk, purchasing an additional standing desk.' Smithsonian Institution's chief spokeswoman, however, told the New Republic's Emily Atkin they don't lease artwork to federal agencies. Spokeswoman Linda St. Thomas 'we do not charge' for artwork on loan. Atkin noted '[p]aintings and sculptures not on view in the museums are routinely loaned to members of Congress, the Supreme Court, and the White House, she said.' St. Thomas said 'President Barack Obama's EPA administrators also loaned paintings from the Smithsonian American Art Museum,' Atkin reported." ([HYPERLINK "<http://dailycaller.com/2018/04/13/accusation-dems-leveled-pruitt-proven-wrong/>"], 4/13/18)

DESKS ...

EPA Spokesman Jahan Wilcox Stated That "The Administrator Never Considered The Proposal," Regarding Desks. "Asked about the proposed desk purchases, Mr. Wilcox, the E.P.A. spokesman, said that 'the administrator never considered the proposal.'" ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/05/business/epa-officials-questioned-scott-pruitt.html>"], 4/5/18)

ALLEGATION 3 ...

Mr. Chmielewski said that Administrator Pruitt insisted on the use of lights and sirens to transport more quickly through traffic to the airport, meetings, and social events on numerous occasions, and that Administrator Pruitt permitted his drivers to speed through residential neighborhoods and red lights, far in excess of posted speed limits.

LIGHTS & SIRENS ...

EPA Stated That "The Security Detail For The Past 15 Years Has Used Them In Very Limited Fashion." "The agency said Mr. Pruitt played no role in deciding when the sirens and lights would be used. 'The security detail for the past 15 years has used them in very limited fashion,'

Mr. Wilcox said.” ([HYPERLINK "https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/05/business/epa-officials-questioned-scott-pruitt.html"], 4/5/18)

ALLEGATION 4 ...

Mr. Chmielewski said that Administrator Pruitt his Director of Scheduling and Advance Millan Hupp acted as a personal real estate representative, spending weeks improperly using federal government resources and time to contact rental and seller’s agents, and touring numerous properties in which he might wish to reside.

HOUSING SEARCH ...

EPA Said That Government Resources Were Used To Find Administrator Pruitt Housing Is “Categorically False.” “In a statement, EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox responded, ‘The notion that government resources were used to assist in finding housing is categorically false.’” ([HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2018/04/03/epas-pruitt-gave-big-raises-to-two-close-aides-after-being-rebuffed-by-the-white-house/?utm_term=.ea0295364879"], 4/3/18)

ALLEGATION 5 ...

Mr. Chmielewski said that Ms. Hupp, at Administrator Pruitt ‘s direction, sought to have the agency enter into a \$100,000 per month contract to rent a private jet, which would have cost more than the Administrator’s annual travel budget of approximately \$450,000. Mr. Chmielewski claimed he successfully prevented this from occurring, as it would have been far in excess of the total travel budget of the office.

PRIVATE PLANE CONTRACT ...

On April 2, 2018 The Washington Post Reported That EPA Received A Solicitation From A Private Jet Firm, But Decided To Reject It And Continue To Fly Commercial. “‘This is not news,’ EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox said in a statement Monday. ‘EPA’s [chief financial officer] regularly receives solicitations for this type of travel, we did our due diligence, found it was not as cost efficient and continued to fly commercial.’” ([HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/epa-explored-private-jet-lease-for-pruitts-travels-last-year/2018/04/02/8651deb8-3607-11e8-8fd2-49fe3c675a89_story.html?noredirect=on&utm_term=.e34e32cbc3b8"], 4/2/18)

ALLEGATION 6 ...

Mr. Chmielewski said he observed that Administrator Pruitt ‘s travel destinations are often dictated by his desire to visit particular cities or countries rather than official business, and that he told staff to something to do [in those locations]? to justify the use of taxpayer funds. He stated that you direct your staff to book flights on Delta, even when they are not the federal government’s contract carrier for the route, because Administrator Pruitt wanted to accrue more frequent flyer miles.

PRUITT'S TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF WASHINGTON ...

On October 1, 2017 Tulsa World Reported That EPA Spokesman Stated That “Administrator Pruitt Has Made It A Priority To Get Out Of The Deep State Of Washington,” And Hear From Americans That Were Ignored By The Past Administration.

“Administrator Pruitt has made it a priority to get out of the deep state of Washington and into cities, towns and states across the country hearing from Americans that were ignored by the past Administration,” said EPA Spokesman Jahan Wilcox. ‘When traveling, it is our policy to always fly commercial. There were few instances that dictated otherwise and the decision to fly private or government aircraft was made based on necessity or efficiency.’” ([HYPERLINK

"http://www.tulsaworld.com/homepagelatest/d-c-report-scott-pruitt-s-staff-defends-non-commercial/article_6caf81cf-4c47-57da-8bc5-af486092980c.html"], 10/1/17)

On April 21, 2018 The Washington Post Reported That Pruitt Has Visited Over 30 States.

“Administrator Pruitt has visited over 30 states. We will continue to visit those ignored by the Obama administration and implement President Trump’s agenda of regulatory certainty and environmental stewardship,’ Wilcox said.” ([HYPERLINK

"https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/a-factory-of-bad-ideas-how-scott-pruitt-undermined-his-mission-at-epa/2018/04/20/695fa2c0-42ac-11e8-bba2-0976a82b05a2_story.html?utm_term=.ac555b80f61b"], 4/21/18)

ALLEGATION 7 ...

He also informed Congressional staff that Administrator Pruitt directed EPA staff to find reasons to travel to Oklahoma, so that he could be in his home state for long weekends at taxpayers expense. Mr. Chmielewski described the official meetings in Oklahoma as being pretextual, such as scheduling an official meeting with an old friend. According to Mr. Chmielewski, Administrator Pruitt frequently stayed in hotels that exceeded the allowable US. government per diem, sometimes even exceeding the 300 percent cap permitted in exceptional circumstances. He added that while Administrator Pruitt was reimbursed for these expenses, on some occasions members of his security detail were not reimbursed for the portion of their expenses that exceeded allowable maximums.

OKLAHOMA TRAVEL ...

On February 17, 2018, CNN Reported That EPA Officials Treat Oklahoma “Exactly Like We Did North Dakota, Minnesota, Indiana And Every Other State We Visited During The Tour.”

“Reached for comment, EPA spokeswoman Liz Bowman said: ‘With respect to visiting Guymon, it was an important stop on our WOTUS [Waters of the United States] tour where we were able to hear comments from people who have been directly affected by the rule, whose voices have been disregarded in the rulemaking process. By visiting with government officials and citizens, we treated Oklahoma exactly like we did North Dakota, Minnesota, Indiana and every other state we visited during the tour.’” ([HYPERLINK

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2/17/18)

ALLEGATION 8 ...

After the EPA Chief of Staff raised concerns about Administrator Pruitt travel, Mr. Chmielewski reported that he texted his Chief of Staff to tell him that his presence was no longer welcome at scheduling meetings for your travel. Mr. Chmielewski further described Administrator Pruitt's efforts to marginalize your Chief of Staff as he refused to follow some actions you directed, and he described Ms. Hupp and Sarah Greenwalt, your senior counsel, as running the agency.

SCHEDULING MEETINGS ...

EPA STATEMENT: "Our scheduling and public engagement offices lead this process and involve other staff members as needed." – EPA Spokesman

Message

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Folks, I wanted to provide you with information which your members may find useful now or for future hearings.

Ryan Jackson
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Ex. 6

For April 26, 2018 Hearing

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INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

FALSE CLAIM ...

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt wasted taxpayer money on three international travel trips. What's not told is that the trip to Italy was for the G-7 environmental summit and the Morocco trip was to meet with government leaders about environmental issues. Finally, a planned trip to Australia was cancelled so Administrator Pruitt could stay in the U.S. and monitor relief efforts related to Hurricane Harvey.

Additionally, Pruitt's international travel has been criticized despite the fact he has taken fewer international trips and spent less money than his two predecessors: Gina McCarthy and Lisa Jackson.

PRECEDENT FOR EPA INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL ...

- Administrator Pruitt has taken 2 international trips: total cost \$160,000.
- Administrator McCarthy took 10 international trips: total cost \$630,000.
- Administrator Jackson took 4 international trips: total cost \$332,000 (including \$155,000 on one trip to China.)

Former EPA Administrators Gina McCarthy And Lisa Jackson Spent More On International Travel Than Pruitt. "Internal EPA documents provided to the Washington Free Beacon reveal Obama administration EPA administrators jet setting cost taxpayers roughly \$1 million. The EPA has spent \$124,000 for Pruitt and his security detail to travel to the G-7 summit in Italy and a trip to Morocco. McCarthy took 10 international trips in three years, including trips to Paris, Florence, Dubai, and Tokyo. Pruitt has come under scrutiny from the media for the travel costs, which include \$84,000 for the G-7 summit in Italy last summer in airfare for Pruitt and security... McCarthy spent \$629,743 on airfare and security for international trips between 2013 and 2016...Internal EPA documents show costs for trips to Ghana (\$68,382), Peru (\$45,140), Tokyo (\$74,738), Paris (\$41,321), Dubai (\$90,368), Tokyo (\$67,703), Florence (\$56,193), Vancouver (\$62,247), Vietnam (\$68,268), and Beijing (\$55,385)." ([HYPERLINK "[http://freebeacon.com/issues/obama-epa-administrators-spent-eight-times-pruitt-international-travel/](\"http://freebeacon.com/issues/obama-epa-administrators-spent-eight-times-pruitt-international-travel/\")"] 03/21/2018)

Lisa Jackson's China Trip Exceeded \$155,000. "Between 2009 and 2012, Jackson spent \$64,963 for trips to Tel Aviv; \$59,950 to Rio de Janeiro; \$51,436 to Montreal; and \$155,764 to Beijing, Guangzhou, and Shanghai." ([HYPERLINK "[http://freebeacon.com/issues/obama-epa-administrators-spent-eight-times-pruitt-international-travel/](\"http://freebeacon.com/issues/obama-epa-administrators-spent-eight-times-pruitt-international-travel/\")"] 03/21/2018)

ITALY ...

Administrator Pruitt Promoted The Importance Of International Engagement At His First G7 Meeting. "U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt attended his first G7 Environmental Ministerial Meeting, taking part in thoughtful bilateral discussions with his G7 counterparts. Less than two weeks after President Trump announced the United States' withdrawal from the Paris Accord, Administrator Pruitt emphasized now is the time to move forward with a discussion to find ways to positively engage with other countries in order to protect and use our natural

resources. 'The United States has always been a world leader when it comes to environmental stewardship, and that was demonstrated on a global stage today,' Administrator Pruitt said. 'I believe engaging in international discussion is of the utmost importance to the United States when it comes to environmental issues. I want to thank the government of Italy and Minister Galletti for the tremendous hospitality and leadership over this meeting.' 'The protection of the environment and public health,' said Italian Minister of the Environment Gian Luca Galletti, 'is a common goal for Italy and the United States. There are many themes that see our common commitment. The presence of Administrator Pruitt at the G7 Environment in Bologna has been a very important element that allowed us to start constructive dialogue on all environmental issues as well as to open new channels of business cooperation between our two countries.' Administrator Pruitt returned to the United States Sunday evening in order to attend the President's first full cabinet meeting scheduled for Monday. ([HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/administrator-pruitt-promotes-importance-international-engagement-first-g7-meeting"], 06/11/17)

Both Lisa Jackson And Gina McCarthy Attended The Same G-7 Meeting As Pruitt And EPA Security Details Followed The Same Protocol As Past Trips. "' Administrator Pruitt's security detail followed the same procedures for the G-7 environmental meeting in Italy that were used during EPA Administrators Stephen Johnson, Lisa Jackson and Gina McCarthy's trips to Italy,' agency spokesman Jahan Wilcox said in an email. 'EPA's security procedures have not deviated over the past 14 years.'" ([HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2018/03/20/on-italy-trip-travel-costs-for-epa-chiefs-security-detail-topped-30000/?utm_term=.f2660d3a8d9e"], 03/20/2018)

- **Gina McCarthy Also Visited The Vatican While In Rome.** "Explaining her visit Friday to the Vatican, the head of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said she wanted to let Pope Francis know that President Barack Obama is 'aligned with him' on the issue of climate change and is taking action." ([HYPERLINK "http://fore.yale.edu/news/item/epa-chief-at-vatican-obama-aligned-with-francis-on-climate-change/"], 01/30/2015)

Media Reports Suggest Pruitt's Trip To Italy Cost Too Much On Travel And Security. "Pruitt said he took official meetings during the entire four-day trip to Italy for the G-7 environmental summit in June of last year... Documents released earlier this week show that the cost of the trip was \$30,000 more than previously reported, bringing the total to around \$120,000. An EPA document showed that the cost of travel for Pruitt's security detail was \$30,559 the week of the trip. ([HYPERLINK "http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/scott-pruitt-defends-italy-trip-increased-scrutiny-travel/story?id=53947254"], 03/22/2018)

Pruitt Critics Purposefully Ignore The Significance Of The G7 Italy Trip. "That's a lot of money for Mr. Pruitt to tour the Vatican, pose for photos and tell his European counterparts that global warming doesn't matter,' Eric Schaeffer, executive director of the Environmental Integrity Project, said in a statement Tuesday. 'And it doesn't even include salary costs for everyone who signed up for this tour. Maybe next time he should just send his regrets.'" ([HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2018/03/20/on-italy-"]

trip-travel-costs-for-epa-chiefs-security-detail-topped-30000/?utm_term=.f2660d3a8d9e"], 03/20/2018)

EPA STATEMENT: "Administrator Pruitt attended numerous G7 meetings with his bilateral counterparts and in terms of security, EPA's Protective Service Detail tried to replicate the same security measures taken when EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy traveled to Italy in 2015." — EPA spokesman

On February 13, 2018 CBS News Reported That EPA Had "A Certificate Justifying The Return Flight From Milan," Allowing Administrator Pruitt To Fly On A Foreign Carrier Due To Lack Of Options Available From American Carriers. "A certificate justifying the return flight from Milan that the EPA provided to CBS News said Pruitt flew on a foreign carrier because it was the only available flight 'that would get the administrator back in time' to attend a Cabinet meeting with President Trump the next day." ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/epas-scott-pruitt-got-waiver-to-fly-business-class-on-non-u-s-carrier-from-italy-to-u-s/>"], 2/13/18)

MOROCCO ...

Administrator Pruitt Promotes Environmental Cooperation With Moroccan Government Officials. "U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt attended bilateral meetings in Morocco this week where he outlined U.S. environmental priorities for updating the Environmental Work Plan under the U.S.-Morocco Free Trade Agreement and the potential benefit of liquefied natural gas (LNG) imports on Morocco's economy. This visit comes on the heels of an EPA-led workshop in Rabat that shared U.S. best practices for solid waste management, public participation and crisis communication pursuant to the former Environmental Work Plan. 'These meetings allowed us to directly convey our priorities and best practices with Moroccan leaders, as well as identify opportunities for continued cooperation, as our two countries further talks around the Environmental Work Plan,' said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. 'We are committed to working closely with countries like Morocco to enhance environmental stewardship around the world.' Administrator Pruitt met with Moroccan Secretary of State of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mounia Boucetta, where the two discussed the importance of continued collaboration between the two countries. Following the meeting with Secretary Boucetta, he met with the Moroccan Minister of Energy, Mines and Sustainable Development, Aziz Rabbah, to discuss new and ongoing areas of collaboration under the Free Trade Agreement and the country's interest in importing LNG. Also during the visit to Morocco, Administrator Pruitt met with Moroccan Minister of Justice and Liberties, Mohamed Aujjar. The two focused on the importance of adhering to rule of law and the ongoing strategic cooperation between the two countries. Administrator Pruitt also toured the IRESEN Green Energy Park, where he saw firsthand the work being done to promote environmental innovation including solar energy across Morocco. ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/administrator-pruitt-promotes-environmental-cooperation-us-partners-morocco>"], 12/12/17)

The Washington Post Criticized Pruitt For Spending A Night In Paris, When In Reality His Outbound Flight Was Cancelled And He Was Forced To Spend A Night Near Charles De Gaulle

Airport In France. “An EPA official said the trip was affected by weather delays, which prompted the group to stay in Paris on Dec. 10 before arriving in Rabat the next day.” ([HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2018/03/20/new-documents-show-nearly-68000-in-recent-premium-flights-hotel-stays-for-epas-pruitt/?utm_term=.31763eee1f18"], 03/20/18)

ABC News Falsely Reported That Pruitt Had One Scheduled Meeting For The First Day, When In Fact His Flight Was Cancelled Due To Snow At Dulles And His Schedule Had To Be Adjusted. “Wilcox said Saturday that Pruitt originally had more meetings scheduled that first day in Morocco but his plans changed after weather delayed his flight out of Dulles International Airport on Dec. 9” ([HYPERLINK "<http://abc7news.com/epa-chief-recorded-a-single-one-hour-meeting-on-day-1-of-morocco-trip/3375083/>"], 04/21/18)

ABC News Criticized EPA Over A Portion Of Pruitt’s Calendar Which Was Redacted, When The Redaction Was For A Senior Staff Meeting, It Listed Of All 98 Attendees For A Meeting In Washington That He Never Attended. “The four-page redaction to the Morocco schedule is simply a calendar entry for a Senior Staff Meeting at EPA Headquarters in DC, which the Administrator did not attend because he was in Morocco. The entry includes all attendees invited to the meeting, which is the reason for the extensive redaction. Every meeting that took place in Morocco has been publicized and included on the Administrator’s schedule.”

Despite The False Narrative From The Media That Pruitt Went To Morocco To Solely Promote Natural Gas, He Attended Numerous Meetings On A Wide Range Of Topics. “Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt returned Wednesday from a trip to Morocco, where he talked with officials about their interest in importing natural gas as well as other areas of ‘continued cooperation’ between the two countries... The purpose of the trip sparked questions from environmental groups, Democratic lawmakers and some industry experts, who noted that EPA plays no formal role in overseeing natural gas exports. Such activities are overseen primarily by the Energy Department and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.” ([HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2017/12/13/scott-pruitt-and-a-crew-of-epa-aides-just-spent-four-days-in-morocco-promoting-natural-gas/?utm_term=.106293b9e412"], 12/13/2017)

Pruitt Had Numerous Meetings Pertaining To Agency Priorities, Including Disaster Relief, Solid Waste Response, And The Bilateral Free Trade Agreement Between The U.S. And Morocco. “Pruitt met with three top Moroccan officials, according to the agency statement, including the minister of energy, mines and sustainable development; the minister of justice and liberties; and the secretary of state to the minister of foreign affairs. Wilcox said Pruitt ‘discussed our bilateral free trade agreement, solid waste response, disaster relief and communications with top Moroccan officials...’ His visit came shortly after the EPA held a workshop in Rabat about solid waste management, public participation and crisis communication. Morocco, the only African country with which the United States has a free-trade agreement, is a signatory to the 2015 Paris climate agreement and has collaborated in the past with U.S. officials on its push to expand domestic solar energy production. During the trip, Moroccan officials took Pruitt on a

tour of the IRESEN Green Energy Park, which the EPA said showed the administrator ‘firsthand the work being done to promote environmental innovation, including solar energy across Morocco.’ ([HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2017/12/13/scott-pruitt-and-a-crew-of-epa-aides-just-spent-four-days-in-morocco-promoting-natural-gas/?utm_term=.106293b9e412"], 12/13/2017)

AUSTRALIA ...

Members Of Administrator Pruitt’s Advance Team And Security Detail Traveled To Australia Prior To Administrator Pruitt’s Scheduled Trip To Meet With Australian Officials. “Pruitt was scheduled to participate in environment-related meetings with Australian officials on a visit to Sydney and Canberra...Wilcox said the original itinerary included a meeting with Australia’s parliament.” ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-trump-pruitt-exclusive/exclusive-epa-chiefs-aides-security-agents-made-45000-trip-to-australia-idUSKBN1HQ2U7>"] 04/19/2018)

EPA STATEMENT: “Government employees who travel for longer than 14 hours are able to fly in business class and our advance team, which included Millan Hupp and Kevin Chmielewski, was adhering to the federal government’s travel policy. Their job was to arrive before Administrator Pruitt, who had meetings planned with the Australian government, but his trip was cancelled due to Hurricane Harvey.” – EPA spokesman

Government Officials Are Authorized To Travel In Business Class If Flights Exceed 14 hours. “The purchase of business-class tickets was not a violation of U.S. government policy, which allows federal employees to travel business class on trips lasting 14 hours or more.” ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-trump-pruitt-exclusive/exclusive-epa-chiefs-aides-security-agents-made-45000-trip-to-australia-idUSKBN1HQ2U7>"] 04/19/2018)

The Trip Was Ultimately Cancelled Due To Emergency Agency Needs Surrounding Hurricane Harvey. “EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox said Pruitt’s trip was canceled because of Hurricane Harvey, which caused major flooding and damage in Texas. Pruitt ended up going to Corpus Christi, Texas to assess the agency’s relief efforts instead.” ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-trump-pruitt-exclusive/exclusive-epa-chiefs-aides-security-agents-made-45000-trip-to-australia-idUSKBN1HQ2U7>"] 04/19/2018)

On August 30, 2017, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt Visited Corpus Christi “To Assess EPA Relief Efforts And Thank Responders.” “U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt traveled to Corpus Christi today to assess EPA relief efforts and thank responders. Administrator Pruitt also met with local and state leaders to discuss continued relief measures in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey.” ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/administrator-pruitt-meets-hurricane-harvey-responders-and-officials-texas>"], 8/30/17)

Pruitt Stated That He Saw The “Devastation Endured By Texas” Firsthand While Visiting Corpus Christi. “The devastation endured by Texas this week is unfathomable. As I saw firsthand today, the Lone Star State has shown commendable perseverance in helping their

fellow neighbors through this crisis,' said Administrator Pruitt. 'EPA is committed to working with our federal, state, and local partners to provide relief to the affected regions.'" ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/administrator-pruitt-meets-hurricane-harvey-responders-and-officials-texas>"], 8/30/17)

Pruitt Had Been Scheduled To Participate In Environment-Related Meetings In Sydney And Canberra, Australia, But Cancelled The Trips Due To Hurricane Harvey. "Pruitt was scheduled to participate in environment-related meetings with Australian officials on a visit to Sydney and Canberra. EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox said Pruitt's trip was canceled because of Hurricane Harvey, which caused major flooding and damage in Texas. Pruitt ended up going to Corpus Christi, Texas to assess the agency's relief efforts instead." ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-trump-pruitt-exclusive/exclusive-epa-chiefs-aides-security-agents-made-45000-trip-to-australia-idUSKBN1HQ2U7>"], 4/19/18)

PRUITT'S ONE-BEDROOM LEASE ON CAPITOL HILL

VICKI AND STEVE HART ...

EPA STATEMENT: "When Administrator Pruitt arrived in Washington, he stayed at a condo owned by a friend and paid her for it. Vicki Hart is the sole owner of this complex and is a healthcare lobbyist." - EPA spokesman.

Steven Hart Is A Friend Of The Administrator's From Oklahoma And The Living Situation Was Temporary Until A Permanent Washington, DC Residence Could Be Arranged. "'My wife wasn't here yet. My children were back in Oklahoma,' Pruitt said. 'The needs were different. As soon as my wife came up, we moved to a different location where I couldn't just be living out of a suitcase...' Speaking of Hart, Pruitt said: 'He's the chairman of a law firm. I've know this gentleman for years. He's an Oklahoman, and his firm represents these [energy industry] clients, not him. There has been no connection whatsoever in that regard.'" ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.dailysignal.com/2018/04/03/ethics-officials-okd-bedroom-rental-epa-chief-says/>"],

04/03/2018)

Steven Hart Did Meet With Administrator Pruitt in 2017 But Claims It Was Done For A Friend And Not In An Official Capacity.

“Mr. Hart disputed on Saturday that his story had changed, saying in a written statement that his work with Mr. Treacy was not compensated and not on behalf of Smithfield. ‘I assisted a friend who serves on the Chesapeake Bay Commission, and this is inaccurately being tied to Smithfield Foods,’ Mr. Hart said. ‘I was not paid for this assistance and any suggestion that I lobbied for Smithfield Foods is inaccurate...’ a spokesman for Mr. Hart, Ryan Williams, told The New York Times that Mr. Hart had met with Mr. Pruitt in 2017, along with Dennis Treacy, a former Smithfield executive vice president. Mr. Treacy now serves on the board of directors of the Smithfield Foundation, which the food company describes as its philanthropic arm with a focus of combating hunger.” ([HYPERLINK "https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/21/climate/pruitt-hart-condo-epa-lobbying.html"], 04/21/2018)

Steven Hart Attended A Meeting With Dennis Treacy, Former Executive Vice President Of Smithfield Foods, And Administrator Pruitt Met To Discuss Restoring The Chesapeake Bay And Was Not Conducted At The Request Of Smithfield Foods.

“‘Smithfield Foods, Inc. has learned Williams & Jensen has advocated in support of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) programs to help the Chesapeake Bay,’ the company said in a statement Saturday. ‘The objective, while laudable, was not undertaken at the direction of or on behalf of Smithfield Foods. These activities were conducted at the request of a then former executive and current Smithfield Foundation board member, Dennis Treacy, in his personal capacity.’” ([HYPERLINK "https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/21/climate/pruitt-hart-condo-epa-lobbying.html"], 04/21/2018)

EPA ETHICS OFFICIALS CLEARED PRUITT’S LEASE ...

On March 29, 2018, ABC News Reported EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt Lived In A Condo Owned By The Wife Of A Lobbyist Steven Hart.

“Hart confirmed to ABC News in a brief interview that Pruitt had lived in the flat, which is owned by a limited liability company that links to an address listed to Hart and his wife Vicki Hart, a lobbyist with expertise in the healthcare arena. Steven Hart said Vicki Hart co-owns the condo. He said his wife was not the majority owner, but would not identify her partners.” ([HYPERLINK "http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/exclusive-cabinet-trouble-trump-epa-chief-lived-condo/story?id=54095310"], 03/29/2018)

EPA Ethics Counsel Concludes Arrangement Wasn’t Ethics Issue Because Pruitt Paid Rent.

“Bloomberg reviewed six canceled checks paid by Pruitt totaling \$6,100 from March 18 through Sept 1, 2017. He paid \$450 on March 18, \$900 on April 26, \$850 on May 15, \$700 on June 4, \$1,500 on July 22 and \$1,700 on Sept 1... Justina Fugh, who has been ethics counsel at the EPA for a dozen years, said the arrangement wasn’t an ethics issue because Pruitt paid rent... Fugh, the EPA’s ethics counsel, said no gift was involved. It was a routine business arrangement between Pruitt and an individual, not a lobbying firm, she added.” ([HYPERLINK "https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-03-30/epa-chief-s-50-a-night-rental-said-to-raise-

white-house-angst"], 03/29/18)

EPA Ethics Official Concluded That Pruitt's \$50 A Night / \$1,500 A Month Was Market Rate For One Bedroom On Capitol Hill. "In a memo obtained by CBS News, the Environmental Protection Agency's Ethics Official and Deputy Counsel concluded that EPA Administrator's Scott Pruitt's housing arrangement did not breach any ethical violations or constitute a gift. The memo, signed by EPA Deputy Counsel Kevin Minoli, says that the EPA's investigation determined that 'when checked against the price of traditional month-to-month rentals that would most likely offer increased privacy and exclusivity of use, a converted amount of \$1,500 for Tenant's portion of the rent under the lease is within the range of amounts charged for locations no further than three blocks away.'" ([HYPERLINK "file:///C:\\Users\\jhewit01\\Documents\\%3ehhttps:\\www.cbsnews.com\\news\\epa-ethics-official-argues-scott-pruitts-condo-rental-wasnt-ethics-breach\\%3c"], 4/4/18)

OBAMA'S TREASURY SECRETARY TIMOTHY GEITNER LIVED RENT-FREE IN A BANKING EXECUTIVE'S HOME ...

During The Previous Administration, Then-Treasury Secretary Timothy Geitner Lived Rent-Free In A \$3.5 Million Townhouse Owned By A Bank Executive While Geitner Was Overseeing The Bailout Crisis For Wall Street Banks "Geithner lived with Zelikow's family in the six-bedroom house, which is next door to the residence of the ambassador of Monaco and not far from the home of Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, during most of his first eight months running the Treasury Department. At that time, Geithner was overseeing the bailout of several huge Wall Street banks, including JPMorgan, which received \$25 billion in federal rescue funds from the TARP program... The bank, JPMorgan Chase, has just rehired one of Geithner's oldest and dearest friends, Daniel Zelikow, as a top executive, only a year after the Treasury secretary moved out of his rent-free accommodations in Zelikow's \$3.5 million Washington townhouse." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.thedailybeast.com/treasury-secretary-timothy-geithners-wall-street-conflict"], 08/15/10)

THREATS AGAINST PRUITT

ON APRIL 6, 2018 THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FALSELY CLAIMED THEIR WERE NO THREATS AGAINST ADMINISTRATOR PRUITT ...

On April 6, 2018, The Associated Press Falsely Reported That There Are No Threats Against Administrator Pruitt Because No Arrests Or Charges Have Been Filed. “A nationwide search of state and federal court records by AP found no case where anyone has been arrested or charged with threatening Pruitt. EPA’s press office did not respond Friday to provide details of any specific threats or arrests.” ([HYPERLINK "<http://www.therepublic.com/2018/04/06/us-trump-epa-security/>"], 4/6/18)

PREVIOUS MEDIA REPORTS DISPUTE THIS CLAIM ...

On April 11, 2018, CBS News Reported That Administrator Pruitt Received Numerous Threats Including One “Deemed Serious Enough To Prosecute” By The Department Of Justice. “CBS News has obtained an August 2017 report prepared by the Environmental Protection Agency’s office of inspector general that contains a list of 13 threats made against EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt and his family. The threats range in severity, credibility and specificity. One tweet flagged by investigators said, ‘Pruitt, I’m gonna find you and put a bullet between your eyes. Don’t think I’m joking. I’m planning this.’ Investigators believe the threat was made by someone living in India... In certain cases, cases were referred to the Justice Department, but just one was deemed serious enough to prosecute. The report covers the period from Oct. 2016 to Aug. 2017.” ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/here-are-some-of-the-threats-made-against-epa-administrator-scott-pruitt/>"], 4/11/18)

On January 11, 2018 E&E News Reported That “Pruitt Has Faced More Threats Than His Immediate Predecessors, Former Administrators Gina McCarthy And Lisa Jackson.” “In an interview with E&E News, Patrick Sullivan, EPA’s assistant IG for investigations, said the watchdog opened roughly 70 threat probes in fiscal 2017, including cases and complaints related to EPA facilities and personnel. That surpassed the total of about 45 such probes into threats against EPA from fiscal 2016. Sullivan also said Pruitt has faced more threats than his immediate predecessors, former administrators Gina McCarthy and Lisa Jackson. ‘He has had significantly more threats directed against him. There’s absolutely no question about it,’ Sullivan said.” ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.eenews.net/stories/1060070805>"], 1/11/18)

On November 1, 2017 The Wall Street Journal Reported On “More Than 70 Credible Threats Against EPA Staffers, With A Disproportionate Number Menacing Administrator Scott Pruitt And His Family.” “Since the Trump Administration took office, the agency has investigated more than 70 credible threats against EPA staffers, with a disproportionate number menacing Administrator Scott Pruitt and his family... Mr. Pruitt has received more than five times as many threats as his predecessor, Gina McCarthy. These include explicit death threats. Some have referenced Mr. Pruitt’s home address. Federal law enforcement has determined that some of

those threatening Mr. Pruitt are likely capable of carrying out acts of violence. EPA security has already caught suspects prowling around the administrator's neighborhood." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.wsj.com/articles/keeping-scott-pruitt-safe-1509578717"], 11/1/17)

EPA'S PROTECTICE SERVICE DETAIL & SPENDING

EPA STATEMENTS ...

Spending Decisions Are Made By EPA'S Protective Service Detail. "Security decisions are made by EPA's Protective Service Detail and are similar to security protocol across the federal government." – EPA spokesman

Pruitt Has Faced An Unprecedented Amount Of Threats Against Him. "According to EPA's Assistant Inspector General, Scott Pruitt has faced an unprecedented amount of death threats against him and security decisions are made by EPA's Protective Service Detail. Americans should all agree that members of the President's cabinet should be kept safe from these violent threats." – EPA spokesman

SECURE PHONE LINE ...

Pruitt's \$43,000 Soundproof Phone Booth Started More Modestly. "In the beginning, it was supposed to be just a secure telephone line. But over the course of four months last year, that phone line destined for the office of Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt morphed from a no-more-than \$13,500 project into a \$43,000 privacy booth, complete with silenced ventilation and "noise-lock" paneling to keep conversations from being overheard, according to documents obtained by Bloomberg News." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-04-20/pruitt-s-43-000-soundproof-phone-booth-started-more-modestly"], 4/20/18)

Costs Ballooned After Initial Cost Estimate Was Created. "EPA officials seeking bids for the project initially estimated a privacy booth would cost \$13,500 on a July 24, 2017 requisition form. Another \$11,500 was added on Aug. 17, and an additional \$570 was included on Aug. 23 as the staff closed in on a final vendor. That \$25,570, including a \$1,000 after-hours delivery charge, was just for the booth itself; total costs ballooned to \$43,000 after prep work and installation, including leveling a concrete floor to insert the pre-fabricated steel box. Former Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff Reginald Allen – who had the top career post in the EPA – sent booth costs of \$24,570 to Chmielewski on Aug. 23, adding that he was waiting for an estimate for the floor from Jefferson's team. Another email says funding was being handled by Allen's office." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-04-20/pruitt-s-43-000-soundproof-phone-booth-started-more-modestly"], 4/20/18)

Career Staff, Not Pruitt, Were Behind EPA's \$43K Phone Booth. "However, the documents 'show the heavy role played by career officials who have purchasing power — and suggest political appointees without the authority to approve acquisitions were less involved,' Dlouhy reported. 'Administrator Pruitt simply requested a secure phone line but never asked for a soundproof booth, nor did he have knowledge of its purchase,' EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox told Bloomberg. The secure phone booth was initially estimated to cost \$13,500, but soon morphed into \$43,000 project, 'complete with silenced ventilation and 'noise-lock' paneling to keep conversations from being overheard,' according to Bloomberg." ([HYPERLINK "http://dailycaller.com/2018/04/20/pruitt-soundproofphone-booth/"], 4/20/18)

EPA Career Officials Oversaw The Contract For The Phone Line. “Career officials at the Environmental Protection Agency who oversaw the funding and construction of a controversial secure phone booth for Administrator Scott Pruitt's office were acting at the behest of political appointees and security staff, documents obtained by CBS News show. The documents show that the project started soliciting bids at an estimated \$13,500 last summer. It eventually cost \$43,000, which included painting, floor and ceiling work and prepping the room. Presented with four pricing options ranging between \$20,560 and \$24,570, career officials chose the most expensively priced because it included ‘expedited materials and working outside regular business hours.’” ([[HYPERLINK "https://www.cbsnews.com/news/documents-provide-window-into-scott-pruitts-controversial-43000-phone-booth/"](https://www.cbsnews.com/news/documents-provide-window-into-scott-pruitts-controversial-43000-phone-booth/)], 04/20/18)

The Daily Caller: Career Staff, Not Pruitt, Were Behind EPA’s \$43K Phone Booth [[HYPERLINK "https://t.co/uaxNEzD695"](https://t.co/uaxNEzD695) \t "_blank"] ([[HYPERLINK "https://twitter.com/DailyCaller/status/988015035032199168"](https://twitter.com/DailyCaller/status/988015035032199168)], 04/22/2018)

Jennifer Dlouhy, Bloomberg Reporter: New documents show how a possibly modest request for a secure phone line in EPA Chief Pruitt’s office morphed into a \$43,000 soundproof booth w/ noise-lock paneling & silenced ventilation. ([[HYPERLINK "https://twitter.com/jendlouhyhc/status/987307909490110464"](https://twitter.com/jendlouhyhc/status/987307909490110464)], 04/20/18)

Steve Milloy, JunkScience: JunkScience: Pfft... another line of attack on @EPAScottPruitt fizzles. Pruitt only asked for a secure phone line for \$13,500. But the bureaucracy tripled the cost. ([[HYPERLINK "https://twitter.com/JunkScience/status/987374401858560000"](https://twitter.com/JunkScience/status/987374401858560000)], 04/20/18)

Chris Mooney, Washington Post Reporter: Pruitt's \$43,000 phone booth started more modestly [[HYPERLINK "https://t.co/scXONahEul"](https://t.co/scXONahEul) \t "_blank" \o "https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-04-20/pruitt-s-43-000-soundproof-phone-booth-started-more-modestly"] via [[HYPERLINK "https://twitter.com/bpolitics/"](https://twitter.com/bpolitics/) \t "_blank"] ([[HYPERLINK "https://twitter.com/chrisymooney/status/987437139674763264"](https://twitter.com/chrisymooney/status/987437139674763264)], 04/20/18)

Major Garrett, CBS Chief White House Correspondent: Documents provide window into Scott Pruitt’s controversial \$43,000 phone booth [[HYPERLINK "https://t.co/TDsD5NjoIC"](https://t.co/TDsD5NjoIC) \t "_blank" \o "https://www.cbsnews.com/news/documents-provide-window-into-scott-pruitts-controversial-43000-phone-booth/"] via [[HYPERLINK "https://twitter.com/CBSPolitics/"](https://twitter.com/CBSPolitics/) \t "_blank"] ([[HYPERLINK "https://twitter.com/MajorCBS/status/987461116296159232"](https://twitter.com/MajorCBS/status/987461116296159232)], 04/20/2018)

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BULLET-PROOF VEHICLES MYTH ...

EPA Corrects Media Reports About Bulletproof Tires And Bullet-Resistant Seat Covers For Pruitt. “The Environmental Protection Agency is correcting the record, claiming news reports about bulletproof tires and bullet-resistant seat covers to protect its embattled chief Scott Pruitt at government expense were inaccurate. EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox told Fox News: ‘We would like to put this rumor to rest. EPA has no bulletproof vehicles, tires or seat covers, the agency has no contracts for any bulletproof vehicles, tires or seat covers, and the agency never sought any contracts for bulletproof vehicles, tires or seat covers.’ Wilcox also sent to Fox News ‘the federal purchase order, which reveals there was no purchase of bulletproof tires or bullet-resistant covers.’ Wilcox added, ‘In response to an individual attempting to assassinate numerous Congressional Republicans while they practiced for a charity baseball game, EPA’s Protective Service Detail placed bullet-proof vests over each seat.’” ([HYPERLINK "http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2018/04/18/epa-corrects-reports-about-bulletproof-tires-and-bullet-resistant-seat-covers-for-pruitt.html"], 4/18/18)

SECURITY SWEEPS ...

Former EPA Administrators Lisa Jackson And Gina McCarthy Also Had Their Office Swept. “He added, ‘According to EPA’s Protective Service, security sweeps are common practice in government, as former EPA Administrators Lisa Jackson and Gina McCarthy also had their office swept.’ While there was no competitive bidding for Steinmetz’s [\$3,000] contract, Wilcox said the agency considered multiple vendors for the biometric locks used in Pruitt’s office and for the EPA inspector general.” ([HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2018/03/06/man-hired-to-sweep-scott-pruitts-office-for-bugs-is-in-business-with-a-top-epa-security-official/?utm_term=.90f1a1719111"], 3/6/18)

FIRST CLASS TRAVEL

Security Incidents Prompted EPA Officials To Move Administrator Pruitt To First Or Business Class. “The shift to first-class travel began after May 2017, when EPA officials saw how recognizable Pruitt was to the general public, Barnett said. There were ‘incidents where he was being approached – vulgar language, people were being somewhat aggressive towards him – and so the special agent in charge provided documentation – a memo – to me and up the chain of command requesting the administrator be placed in business- or first-class to avoid these potential issues for the safety of the administrator.’” ([HYPERLINK "https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-02-15/epa-chief-s-high-flying-travel-prompted-by-vulgar-encounters"], 02/15/2018)

Prior To Every Flight, EPA Submitted A Security-Related Waiver To Approve Administrator Pruitt’s Travel Arrangements. “EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox said the agency submits a security-related waiver for each trip Pruitt takes.” ([HYPERLINK "https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-02-15/epa-chief-s-high-flying-travel-prompted-by-vulgar-encounters"], 02/15/2018)

EPA Submitted Letter To House Oversight Committee Chairman Explaining Waiver. “In a letter to Gowdy, EPA said that Pruitt’s first class travel was approved ‘on an individualized basis,’ and was necessary due to security concerns. His security detail, the letter said, ‘identified specific, ongoing threats associated with the administration administrator’s air travel and, therefore, shifted his class based on security protocols that require him to be near the front of the plane.’” ([HYPERLINK "https://www.thedailybeast.com/scott-pruitt-spent-dollar105000-on-first-class-flights-2"], 3/20/18)

EPA Spent \$105,000 On First Class Travel For Administrator Pruitt For Travel. “Environmental Protection Agency administration Scott Pruitt spent about \$105,000 on first class airfare since assuming the post, records obtained by The Daily Beast show. The details of Pruitt’s travel are spelled out in documents sent to congressional investigators on Tuesday as part of the House Oversight Committee’s probe into the use of taxpayer resources for official government travel.” ([HYPERLINK "https://www.thedailybeast.com/scott-pruitt-spent-dollar105000-on-first-class-flights-2"], 3/20/18)

In February 2018, Administrator Pruitt Announced He Directed Security Team To Accommodate Threats To Allow Him To Fly Coach. “‘There’s a change coming, because look the security threat matters,’ Pruitt said. ‘What I’ve told them going forward is this: There is a change occurring, you’re going to accommodate the security threats as they exist, you’re going to accommodate those in all ways, alternate ways, up to and including flying coach, and that is what’s going to happen on my very next flight. So those things are happening right away.’” ([HYPERLINK "https://www.cbsnews.com/news/scott-pruitt-my-very-next-flight-will-be-coach-epa-administrator-the-takeout-interview/"], 02/28/2018)

The Associated Press Used Flights On Southwest Airlines – Which Does Not Have First Class –

To Push Their False Narrative That Pruitt Flies Coach When He Is Paying For Person Travel.

“The AP released a report on Wednesday titled: ‘EPA chief sat in coach when not flying on taxpayer’s dime.’ The headline — and the opening lede — suggested that the leader of the EPA makes more economical decisions when taking personal flights, as opposed to his travel when conducting official business. However, there is one major detail included about Southwest Airlines: They do not offer first-class travel. This detail was included in the body of the AP article, but the headline and angle of the report framed Pruitt as a hypocrite when it comes to personal travel.” ([HYPERLINK "<http://dailycaller.com/2018/04/19/associated-press-scott-pruitt-travel/>"], 4/19/18)

The Associated Press Falsely Reported That EPA Confirmed Their Claim. “This was not the only detail the EPA took issue with. The AP claimed on Twitter that it confirmed their story with the agency. However, EPA spokesperson Jahan Wilcox said this tweet is false and that the agency never confirmed their report. ‘The same security procedures are followed whether Administrator Pruitt is on official or personal travel,’ the official statement provided to the AP read. The statement neither confirmed nor denied the story.” ([HYPERLINK "<http://dailycaller.com/2018/04/19/associated-press-scott-pruitt-travel/>"], 4/19/18)

PRUITT'S EPA EMAIL ACCOUNTS

EPA STATEMENT: "When EPA receives a FOIA request concerning the Administrator's emails, all accounts associated are searched before we respond to that request." – Steve Fine, Acting Chief Information Officer

EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy had 4 email accounts: [HYPERLINK

"mailto:5178RAMcCarthy@epa.gov"], [HYPERLINK "mailto:Adm13McCarthy@epa.gov"], [HYPERLINK "mailto:GinaMcCarthy.epaadministrator@epa.gov"], and [HYPERLINK "mailto:McCarthy.Gina@epa.gov"].

Obama EPA officials said multiple email addresses for the Administrator "have been standard practice since the Clinton Administration." "The internal account exists so that Jackson's communications with other government officials aren't buried under the crush of emails flooding into her public account, [HYPERLINK "mailto:jackson.lisap@epa.gov"], which got 1.5 million emails in fiscal year 2012, EPA says. The agency says such dual- account arrangements have been standard practice since the Clinton administration, when EPA Administrator Carol Browner was first assigned two @epa.gov email addresses. 'For more than a decade, EPA administrators have been assigned two official, government-issued email accounts: a public account and an internal account,' EPA said in a statement to POLITICO." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.politico.com/story/2012/11/lisa-jacksons-windsor-knot-084112"], Politico, 11/20/12)

Lisa Jackson had one email for the public and one internal account to communicate with staff and other government officials. "The email address for the public account is posted on EPA's website and is used by hundreds of thousands of Americans to send messages to the administrator. The internal account is an everyday, working email account of the administrator to communicate with staff and other government officials." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.politico.com/story/2012/11/lisa-jacksons-windsor-knot-084112"], Politico, 11/20/12)

George W. Bush's Administration said there was nothing usual about Lisa Jackson's multiple email accounts. "High-ranking officials from George W. Bush's EPA agree that the arrangement is nothing new, and say they were never under the impression that the internal account was a secret. Senior EPA leadership and EPA regional administrators had the email address, as did anyone to whom the administrator provided it, and the messages were all considered part of the public record. When it comes to public records and FOIA requests, 'both the public and internal accounts are reviewed for responsive records, and responsive records from both accounts are provided to FOIA requesters,' EPA said." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.politico.com/story/2012/11/lisa-jacksons-windsor-knot-084112"], Politico, 11/20/12)

RAISES TO STAFF & AD HIRING AUTHORITY

The Atlantic falsely claimed that Administrator Scott Pruitt was responsible for substantial pay raises to two staff. “In early March, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt approached the White House with a request: He wanted substantial pay raises for two of his closest aides.” ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2018/04/pruitt-epa/557123/https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2018/04/pruitt-epa/557123/>"], 4/3/18)

Administrator Pruitt swiftly denied his involvement in the raises. “I found out this yesterday and I corrected the action and we are in the process of finding out how it took place and correcting it,” – EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt ([HYPERLINK "<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2018/04/04/epas-scott-pruitt-pushes-back-on-pay-raise-condo-controversy-in-fox-exclusive.html>"], 4/4/18)

Ryan Jackson, EPA Chief of Staff, went on the record stating that Administrator Pruitt had zero knowledge of the raises. “Administrator Pruitt had zero knowledge of the amount of the raises, nor the process by which they transpired. These kind of personnel actions are handled by EPA’s HR officials, Presidential Personnel Office and me,” Jackson said in a prepared statement Monday. – Ryan Jackson, EPA Chief of Staff ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.politico.com/story/2018/04/09/pruitt-epa-raises-511112https://www.politico.com/story/2018/04/09/pruitt-epa-raises-511112>"], 4/9/18)

Jackson provided Politico with reasoning for the substantial raises but confirmed that they had been reversed per Pruitt’s direction. “He [Ryan Jackson] said the staffers were to be paid “similar to their peers given their responsibilities over the past year,” and that their original salaries started lower than their colleagues’ because they had moved to Washington, D.C., from Oklahoma, where salaries are lower. He added that the raises had been reversed, as Pruitt instructed, and any future changes would go through the White House for evaluation.” ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.politico.com/story/2018/04/09/pruitt-epa-raises-511112https://www.politico.com/story/2018/04/09/pruitt-epa-raises-511112>"], 4/9/18)

EPA’s Office of Inspector General issued a Management Alert on Salary Increases for Certain Administratively Determined Positions on 4/16/18, which referenced EPA’s further reasoning for the raises. “These salary determinations for appointees were made by the Agency chief of staff, White House liaison, and Agency human resources staff based on previous salary history and increases in salary were made due to either new and additional responsibilities or promotions. The salaries involved were meant to correspond directly with the responsibilities the individual held and to attempt to ensure no salary disparities among positions of equivalent or similar responsibilities with other political appointees as much as possible. As employees continue to work in the agency reaching milestones like one year of employment and/or continue to take on new responsibilities, we will further evaluate their salaries to ensure the employees compensation is commensurate with their seniority and work.” (EPA’s 4/15/18 response to OIG’s 4/11/18 draft report, [HYPERLINK "<https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018->

04/documents/_epaoig_20180416-18-n-0154.pdf"], 4/16/18) [See attached for OIG management alert]

EPA's Office of Inspector General further provides the HR documentation supporting the raises in this Management Alert, which show Ryan Jackson approved the raises. Documents show that authorizations for these raises (Employee A and Employee B), were signed "Ryan Jackson for Scott Pruitt." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-04/documents/_epaoig_20180416-18-n-0154.pdf"], 4/16/18) [See attached for OIG management alert]

EPA STATEMENT: "The Safe Drinking Water Act provides the EPA with broad authority to appoint scientific, engineering, professional, legal, and administrative positions within EPA without regard to the civil service laws. This is clear authority that has been relied on by previous administrations," EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox said in a statement. ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2018/04/pruitt-epa/557123/>"], 4/3/18)

- **Direct Text of Statute:** "*§ 300j–10. Appointment of scientific, etc., personnel by Administrator of Environmental Protection Agency for implementation of responsibilities; compensation*
To the extent that the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency deems such action necessary to the discharge of his functions under title XIV of the Public Health Service Act [42 U.S.C. 300f et seq.] (relating to safe drinking water) and under other provisions of law, he may appoint personnel to fill not more than thirty scientific, engineering, professional, legal, and administrative positions within the Environmental Protection Agency without regard to the civil service laws and may fix the compensation of such personnel not in excess of the maximum rate payable for GS–18 of the General Schedule under section 5332 of title 5." ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/USCODE-2015-title42/pdf/USCODE-2015-title42-chap6A-subchapXII-partE-sec300j-10.pdf>"])

Multiple EPA employees from previous administrations have confirmed its wide use. "Stan Meiburg, who spent 39 years at EPA, including as acting deputy administrator in the Obama administration, said, "It has been done by both parties, so it has been ratified over time.... These are highly prized positions because you can bring people in without having to go through the usual competition process." Meiburg remembered both the George W. Bush and Obama administrations having AD hires. ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.eenews.net/stories/1060078167/print>"], 4/4/18)

- "A provision of the Safe Drinking Water Act allows the EPA administrator to hire up to 30 people into the agency, without White House or congressional approval. The provision, meant to help expedite the hiring of experts and allow for more flexible staffing, became law in 1996. In past administrations, it has been used to hire specialists into custom-made roles in especially stressed offices, according to Bob Perciasepe, a former acting EPA administrator." ([HYPERLINK "

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When asked about how the AD hiring authority has been used in previous administrations, former EPA employees all had conflicting comments on what it was used for, supporting that the statute gives broad authority to the Administrator. "Stan Meiburg, who spent 39 years at EPA, including as acting deputy administrator in the Obama administration... recalled some of those hires landing as political aides to EPA regional chiefs during those administrations. Meiburg said it made sense that the Trump administration would use the hiring authority for political aides like press officials and schedulers to assist Pruitt. "Those are pretty specialized skills, and there are folks in the political field who have those skills," said Meiburg, who now teaches at Wake Forest University. "That's not to say you don't need a good solid career staff in public affairs, as well." But Meiburg found it noteworthy that Pruitt had used the hiring authority to bring on deputy assistant administrators. "The use of the AD authority to bring on a political deputy is a little unusual," Meiburg said. "*Most of the AD appointments are at a lower level.* You usually have a non-career SES be a political deputy." ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.eenews.net/stories/1060078167/print>"], 4/4/18)

- ***"The people I knew of in that category were well-seasoned, experienced professionals in their fields,"*** said Ken Kopocis, who headed the Office of Water from 2011 to 2015. "We did not use it as a way to get around the White House. ... It's not designed to fill up your political slots." ([HYPERLINK "[https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/powerpost/paloma/the-energy-202/2018/04/04/the-energy-202-environmentalists-ethics-experts-question-scott-pruitt-s-unusual-hiring-practice/5ac3e5d330fb0478f2925189/](\"https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/powerpost/paloma/the-energy-202/2018/04/04/the-energy-202-environmentalists-ethics-experts-question-scott-pruitt-s-unusual-hiring-practice/5ac3e5d330fb0478f2925189/\")"], 04/04/18)
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KEVIN CHMIELEWESKI & SENATE DEMOCRATS' LETTER

ALLEGATION 1 ...

Mr. Chmielewski provided several examples to lawmakers of wasteful security spending beyond justifying the use of first-class travel under the guise of security. This includes the purchase of bulletproof vests and weapons, biometric locks, a security sweep of Administrator Pruitt's office, one or more new SUVs for Administrator Pruitt's travel (rather than obtaining vehicles from the General Services Administration), and a \$30,000 contract with private Italian security personnel entered into by Mr. Nino Perrotta, the Special Agent who leads Administrator Pruitt's security detail. Mr. Chmielewski explained that at least one security-related contract was awarded to an individual who works at Mr. Perrotta's private security firm, and he believes that other contracts may also have been awarded to friends or associates of Mr. Perrotta's.

SECURITY DETAIL FOR THE G-7 SUMMIT IN ITALY ...

EPA Security Detail Followed The Same Security Procedures On The G7 Trip That Have Been Used For The Previous 14 Years. "EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox said the security detail 'followed the same procedures for the G7 environmental meeting in Italy that were used during EPA Administrators Stephen Johnson, Lisa Jackson, and Gina McCarthy's trips to Italy. EPA's security procedures have not deviated over the past 14 years.'" ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-epa-spending/epa-chiefs-security-detail-on-italy-trip-cost-30000-document-idUSKBN1GW29H?il=0>"], 3/20/18)

EPA STATEMENT: "Administrator Pruitt attended numerous G7 meetings with his bilateral counterparts and in terms of security, EPA's Protective Service Detail tried to replicate the same security measures taken when EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy traveled to Italy in 2015." – EPA spokesman

BULLETPROOF VEHICLES ...

On April 19, 2018 Fox News Reported That EPA Pushed Back On Claims Of Purchasing Bulletproof Materials, Stating That The Agency Has Never Sought Nor Purchased Any Bulletproof Vehicles, Tires, Or Seat Covers. "EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox told Fox News: 'We would like to put this rumor to rest. EPA has no bulletproof vehicles, tires or seat covers, the agency has no contracts for any bulletproof vehicles, tires or seat covers, and the agency never sought any contracts for bulletproof vehicles, tires or seat covers.'" ([HYPERLINK "<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2018/04/18/epa-corrects-reports-about-bulletproof-tires-and-bullet-resistant-seat-covers-for-pruitt.html>"], 4/19/18)

SECURITY SWEEPS/LOCKS ...

EPA Spokesman Jahan Wilcox Stated That "Security Sweeps Are Common Practice In Government, As Former EPA Administrators Lisa Jackson And Gina McCarthy Also Had Their Office Swept." "He added, 'According to EPA's Protective Service, security sweeps are common practice in government, as former EPA Administrators Lisa Jackson and Gina McCarthy also had their office swept.' While there was no competitive bidding for Steinmetz's contract, Wilcox

said the agency considered multiple vendors for the biometric locks used in Pruitt's office and for the EPA inspector general." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2018/03/06/man-hired-to-sweep-scott-pruitts-office-for-bugs-is-in-business-with-a-top-epa-security-official/?utm_term=.90f1a1719111"], 3/6/18)

ALLEGATION 2 ...

Mr. Chmielewski told Congressional staff that Administrator Pruitt spent well beyond the \$5,000 allowed by law to decorate his office, including refinishing an antique desk, purchasing an additional standing desk, paying leases for art on loan from the Smithsonian Institution, framing an 8x10 foot United States flag, and building a \$43,000 soundproof phone booth.

SMITHSONIAN'S POLICY/STATEMENT ...

Chmielewski Claimed That EPA Was Paying Leases For Artwork On Loan From The Smithsonian Institution, This Claim Is False As The Smithsonian Routinely Loans Cabinet Officials Paintings Free Of Charge. "One thing Chmielewski told Democrats was that EPA was 'paying leases for art on loan from the Smithsonian Institution' to furnish Pruitt's office. Chmielewski's also claimed Pruitt 'spent well beyond the \$5,000 allowed by law to decorate' his office, which included 'refinishing an antique desk, purchasing an additional standing desk.' Smithsonian Institution's chief spokeswoman, however, told the New Republic's Emily Atkin they don't lease artwork to federal agencies. Spokeswoman Linda St. Thomas 'we do not charge' for artwork on loan. Atkin noted '[p]aintings and sculptures not on view in the museums are routinely loaned to members of Congress, the Supreme Court, and the White House, she said.' St. Thomas said 'President Barack Obama's EPA administrators also loaned paintings from the Smithsonian American Art Museum,' Atkin reported." ([HYPERLINK "<http://dailycaller.com/2018/04/13/accusation-dems-leveled-pruitt-proven-wrong/>"], 4/13/18)

DESKS ...

EPA Spokesman Jahan Wilcox Stated That "The Administrator Never Considered The Proposal," Regarding Desks. "Asked about the proposed desk purchases, Mr. Wilcox, the E.P.A. spokesman, said that 'the administrator never considered the proposal.'" ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/05/business/epa-officials-questioned-scott-pruitt.html>"], 4/5/18)

ALLEGATION 3 ...

Mr. Chmielewski said that Administrator Pruitt insisted on the use of lights and sirens to transport more quickly through traffic to the airport, meetings, and social events on numerous occasions, and that Administrator Pruitt permitted his drivers to speed through residential neighborhoods and red lights, far in excess of posted speed limits.

LIGHTS & SIRENS ...

EPA Stated That "The Security Detail For The Past 15 Years Has Used Them In Very Limited Fashion." "The agency said Mr. Pruitt played no role in deciding when the sirens and lights would be used. 'The security detail for the past 15 years has used them in very limited fashion,'

Mr. Wilcox said.” ([HYPERLINK "https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/05/business/epa-officials-questioned-scott-pruitt.html"], 4/5/18)

ALLEGATION 4 ...

Mr. Chmielewski said that Administrator Pruitt his Director of Scheduling and Advance Millan Hupp acted as a personal real estate representative, spending weeks improperly using federal government resources and time to contact rental and seller’s agents, and touring numerous properties in which he might wish to reside.

HOUSING SEARCH ...

EPA Said That Government Resources Were Used To Find Administrator Pruitt Housing Is “Categorically False.” “In a statement, EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox responded, ‘The notion that government resources were used to assist in finding housing is categorically false.’” ([HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2018/04/03/epas-pruitt-gave-big-raises-to-two-close-aides-after-being-rebuffed-by-the-white-house/?utm_term=.ea0295364879"], 4/3/18)

ALLEGATION 5 ...

Mr. Chmielewski said that Ms. Hupp, at Administrator Pruitt ‘s direction, sought to have the agency enter into a \$100,000 per month contract to rent a private jet, which would have cost more than the Administrator’s annual travel budget of approximately \$450,000. Mr. Chmielewski claimed he successfully prevented this from occurring, as it would have been far in excess of the total travel budget of the office.

PRIVATE PLANE CONTRACT ...

On April 2, 2018 The Washington Post Reported That EPA Received A Solicitation From A Private Jet Firm, But Decided To Reject It And Continue To Fly Commercial. “‘This is not news,’ EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox said in a statement Monday. ‘EPA’s [chief financial officer] regularly receives solicitations for this type of travel, we did our due diligence, found it was not as cost efficient and continued to fly commercial.’” ([HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/epa-explored-private-jet-lease-for-pruitts-travels-last-year/2018/04/02/8651deb8-3607-11e8-8fd2-49fe3c675a89_story.html?noredirect=on&utm_term=.e34e32cbc3b8"], 4/2/18)

ALLEGATION 6 ...

Mr. Chmielewski said he observed that Administrator Pruitt ‘s travel destinations are often dictated by his desire to visit particular cities or countries rather than official business, and that he told staff to something to do [in those locations]? to justify the use of taxpayer funds. He stated that you direct your staff to book flights on Delta, even when they are not the federal government’s contract carrier for the route, because Administrator Pruitt wanted to accrue more frequent flyer miles.

PRUITT'S TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF WASHINGTON ...

On October 1, 2017 Tulsa World Reported That EPA Spokesman Stated That “Administrator Pruitt Has Made It A Priority To Get Out Of The Deep State Of Washington,” And Hear From Americans That Were Ignored By The Past Administration.

“Administrator Pruitt has made it a priority to get out of the deep state of Washington and into cities, towns and states across the country hearing from Americans that were ignored by the past Administration,” said EPA Spokesman Jahan Wilcox. ‘When traveling, it is our policy to always fly commercial. There were few instances that dictated otherwise and the decision to fly private or government aircraft was made based on necessity or efficiency.’” ([HYPERLINK

"http://www.tulsaworld.com/homepagelatest/d-c-report-scott-pruitt-s-staff-defends-non-commercial/article_6caf81cf-4c47-57da-8bc5-af486092980c.html"], 10/1/17)

On April 21, 2018 The Washington Post Reported That Pruitt Has Visited Over 30 States.

“Administrator Pruitt has visited over 30 states. We will continue to visit those ignored by the Obama administration and implement President Trump’s agenda of regulatory certainty and environmental stewardship,’ Wilcox said.” ([HYPERLINK

"https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/a-factory-of-bad-ideas-how-scott-pruitt-undermined-his-mission-at-epa/2018/04/20/695fa2c0-42ac-11e8-bba2-0976a82b05a2_story.html?utm_term=.ac555b80f61b"], 4/21/18)

ALLEGATION 7 ...

He also informed Congressional staff that Administrator Pruitt directed EPA staff to find reasons to travel to Oklahoma, so that he could be in his home state for long weekends at taxpayers expense. Mr. Chmielewski described the official meetings in Oklahoma as being pretextual, such as scheduling an official meeting with an old friend. According to Mr. Chmielewski, Administrator Pruitt frequently stayed in hotels that exceeded the allowable US. government per diem, sometimes even exceeding the 300 percent cap permitted in exceptional circumstances. He added that while Administrator Pruitt was reimbursed for these expenses, on some occasions members of his security detail were not reimbursed for the portion of their expenses that exceeded allowable maximums.

OKLAHOMA TRAVEL ...

On February 17, 2018, CNN Reported That EPA Officials Treat Oklahoma “Exactly Like We Did North Dakota, Minnesota, Indiana And Every Other State We Visited During The Tour.”

“Reached for comment, EPA spokeswoman Liz Bowman said: ‘With respect to visiting Guymon, it was an important stop on our WOTUS [Waters of the United States] tour where we were able to hear comments from people who have been directly affected by the rule, whose voices have been disregarded in the rulemaking process. By visiting with government officials and citizens, we treated Oklahoma exactly like we did North Dakota, Minnesota, Indiana and every other state we visited during the tour.’” ([HYPERLINK

"file:///C:/Users/jhewit01/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/INetCache/Content.Outlook/VZZLRGIX/Reached%20for%20comment,%20EPA%20spokeswoman%20Liz%20Bowman%20said:%20%22W

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diana%20and%20every%20other%20state%20we%20visited%20during%20the%20tour.%22"],
2/17/18)

ALLEGATION 8 ...

After the EPA Chief of Staff raised concerns about Administrator Pruitt travel, Mr. Chmielewski reported that he texted his Chief of Staff to tell him that his presence was no longer welcome at scheduling meetings for your travel. Mr. Chmielewski further described Administrator Pruitt's efforts to marginalize your Chief of Staff as he refused to follow some actions you directed, and he described Ms. Hupp and Sarah Greenwalt, your senior counsel, as running the agency.

SCHEDULING MEETINGS ...

EPA STATEMENT: "Our scheduling and public engagement offices lead this process and involve other staff members as needed." – EPA Spokesman

Message

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Sent: 4/13/2018 11:31:34 PM
To: rich.gold@hklaw.com
CC: Kelly, Albert [kelly.albert@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: In Politico

Yep. We retweeted it and got it placed.

Ryan Jackson
Chief of Staff
U.S. EPA

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> On Apr 13, 2018, at 7:30 PM, "rich.gold@hklaw.com" <rich.gold@hklaw.com> wrote:

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> SOMETHING NICE TO SAY: Oregon Gov. Kate Brown visited the offices of media company Willamette Week, where she offered kind words for Pruitt's Superfund efforts, when asked where she agreed with the Trump administration. "The one thing that I am actually pleased that we are working together on is with the administrator of the EPA, and that is cleaning up the Portland Harbor," she said. "He's absolutely committed to making this happen, as am I. It's a job creator." Read more.

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Sent: 4/13/2018 8:09:18 PM
To: Ernie Rosenberg [Ex. 6]; 'Tom Davis' [Ex. 6]
Subject: RE: Roundtable

No worries. I may owe you several already.

From: Ernie Rosenberg [Ex. 6]
Sent: Friday, April 13, 2018 3:04 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; 'Tom Davis' [Ex. 6]
Subject: RE: Roundtable

Hi, Ryan

It really was great that you made the time to talk to the roundtable. Your talk was well-received and I personally owe you one.

Thanks again.

Ernie

Ernie Rosenberg

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From: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 13, 2018 1:10 PM
To: Tom Davis [Ex. 6]
Cc: Ernie Rosenberg [Ex. 6]
Subject: Re: Roundtable

Big thanks. And thanks for the invitation. Enjoyed it.

Ryan Jackson
Chief of Staff
U.S. EPA

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On Apr 13, 2018, at 8:55 AM, Tom Davis **Ex. 6** wrote:

Good morning,

That presentation on Wednesday evening was superior...one of the best most honest ones we have had in a long time. Many thanks for it...all enjoyed it.

As I mentioned, if you need the Roundtable to act as sounding board etc just let me know. Happy to help you folks to do the right thing!

On a personal note:

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Take care and again many thanks.

Tom Davis

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Sent: 4/23/2018 8:01:59 PM
To: dave.Lesstrang@mail.house.gov; kristin.richmond@mail.house.gov
Attachments: April 27, 2018.docx

Dave and Kristin, I wanted to provide some information which the Republican members of the subcommittee may find helpful.

Ryan Jackson
Chief of Staff
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

FALSE CLAIM ...

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt wasted taxpayer money on three international travel trips. What's not told is that the trip to Italy was for the G-7 environmental summit and the Morocco trip was to meet with government leaders about environmental issues. Finally, a planned trip to Australia was cancelled so Administrator Pruitt could stay in the U.S. and monitor relief efforts related to Hurricane Harvey.

Additionally, Pruitt's international travel has been criticized despite the fact he has taken fewer international trips and spent less money than his two predecessors: Gina McCarthy and Lisa Jackson.

PRECEDENT FOR EPA INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL ...

- Administrator Pruitt has taken 2 international trips: total cost \$160,000.
- Administrator McCarthy took 10 international trips: total cost \$630,000.
- Administrator Jackson took 4 international trips: total cost \$332,000 (including \$155,000 on one trip to China.)

Former EPA Administrators Gina McCarthy And Lisa Jackson Spent More On International Travel Than Pruitt. "Internal EPA documents provided to the Washington Free Beacon reveal Obama administration EPA administrators jet setting cost taxpayers roughly \$1 million. The EPA has spent \$124,000 for Pruitt and his security detail to travel to the G-7 summit in Italy and a trip to Morocco. McCarthy took 10 international trips in three years, including trips to Paris, Florence, Dubai, and Tokyo. Pruitt has come under scrutiny from the media for the travel costs, which include \$84,000 for the G-7 summit in Italy last summer in airfare for Pruitt and security... McCarthy spent \$629,743 on airfare and security for international trips between 2013 and 2016...Internal EPA documents show costs for trips to Ghana (\$68,382), Peru (\$45,140), Tokyo (\$74,738), Paris (\$41,321), Dubai (\$90,368), Tokyo (\$67,703), Florence (\$56,193), Vancouver (\$62,247), Vietnam (\$68,268), and Beijing (\$55,385)." ([HYPERLINK "http://freebeacon.com/issues/obama-epa-administrators-spent-eight-times-pruitt-international-travel/"] 03/21/2018)

Lisa Jackson's China Trip Exceeded \$155,000. "Between 2009 and 2012, Jackson spent \$64,963 for trips to Tel Aviv; \$59,950 to Rio de Janeiro; \$51,436 to Montreal; and \$155,764 to Beijing, Guangzhou, and Shanghai." ([HYPERLINK "http://freebeacon.com/issues/obama-epa-administrators-spent-eight-times-pruitt-international-travel/"] 03/21/2018)

ITALY ...

Administrator Pruitt Promoted The Importance Of International Engagement At His First G7 Meeting. "U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt attended his first G7 Environmental Ministerial Meeting, taking part in thoughtful bilateral discussions with his G7 counterparts. Less than two weeks after President Trump announced the United States' withdrawal from the Paris Accord, Administrator Pruitt emphasized now is the time to move forward with a discussion to find ways to positively engage with other countries in order to protect and use our natural

resources. 'The United States has always been a world leader when it comes to environmental stewardship, and that was demonstrated on a global stage today,' Administrator Pruitt said. 'I believe engaging in international discussion is of the utmost importance to the United States when it comes to environmental issues. I want to thank the government of Italy and Minister Galletti for the tremendous hospitality and leadership over this meeting.' 'The protection of the environment and public health,' said Italian Minister of the Environment Gian Luca Galletti, 'is a common goal for Italy and the United States. There are many themes that see our common commitment. The presence of Administrator Pruitt at the G7 Environment in Bologna has been a very important element that allowed us to start constructive dialogue on all environmental issues as well as to open new channels of business cooperation between our two countries.' Administrator Pruitt returned to the United States Sunday evening in order to attend the President's first full cabinet meeting scheduled for Monday. ([HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/administrator-pruitt-promotes-importance-international-engagement-first-g7-meeting"], 06/11/17)

Both Lisa Jackson And Gina McCarthy Attended The Same G-7 Meeting As Pruitt And EPA Security Details Followed The Same Protocol As Past Trips. "' Administrator Pruitt's security detail followed the same procedures for the G-7 environmental meeting in Italy that were used during EPA Administrators Stephen Johnson, Lisa Jackson and Gina McCarthy's trips to Italy,' agency spokesman Jahan Wilcox said in an email. 'EPA's security procedures have not deviated over the past 14 years.'" ([HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2018/03/20/on-italy-trip-travel-costs-for-epa-chiefs-security-detail-topped-30000/?utm_term=.f2660d3a8d9e"], 03/20/2018)

- **Gina McCarthy Also Visited The Vatican While In Rome.** "Explaining her visit Friday to the Vatican, the head of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said she wanted to let Pope Francis know that President Barack Obama is 'aligned with him' on the issue of climate change and is taking action." ([HYPERLINK "http://fore.yale.edu/news/item/epa-chief-at-vatican-obama-aligned-with-francis-on-climate-change/"], 01/30/2015)

Media Reports Suggest Pruitt's Trip To Italy Cost Too Much On Travel And Security. "Pruitt said he took official meetings during the entire four-day trip to Italy for the G-7 environmental summit in June of last year... Documents released earlier this week show that the cost of the trip was \$30,000 more than previously reported, bringing the total to around \$120,000. An EPA document showed that the cost of travel for Pruitt's security detail was \$30,559 the week of the trip. ([HYPERLINK "http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/scott-pruitt-defends-italy-trip-increased-scrutiny-travel/story?id=53947254"], 03/22/2018)

Pruitt Critics Purposefully Ignore The Significance Of The G7 Italy Trip. "That's a lot of money for Mr. Pruitt to tour the Vatican, pose for photos and tell his European counterparts that global warming doesn't matter,' Eric Schaeffer, executive director of the Environmental Integrity Project, said in a statement Tuesday. 'And it doesn't even include salary costs for everyone who signed up for this tour. Maybe next time he should just send his regrets.'" ([HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2018/03/20/on-italy-"]

trip-travel-costs-for-epa-chiefs-security-detail-topped-30000/?utm_term=.f2660d3a8d9e"], 03/20/2018)

EPA STATEMENT: "Administrator Pruitt attended numerous G7 meetings with his bilateral counterparts and in terms of security, EPA's Protective Service Detail tried to replicate the same security measures taken when EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy traveled to Italy in 2015." — EPA spokesman

On February 13, 2018 CBS News Reported That EPA Had "A Certificate Justifying The Return Flight From Milan," Allowing Administrator Pruitt To Fly On A Foreign Carrier Due To Lack Of Options Available From American Carriers. "A certificate justifying the return flight from Milan that the EPA provided to CBS News said Pruitt flew on a foreign carrier because it was the only available flight 'that would get the administrator back in time' to attend a Cabinet meeting with President Trump the next day." ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/epas-scott-pruitt-got-waiver-to-fly-business-class-on-non-u-s-carrier-from-italy-to-u-s/>"], 2/13/18)

MOROCCO ...

Administrator Pruitt Promotes Environmental Cooperation With Moroccan Government Officials. "U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt attended bilateral meetings in Morocco this week where he outlined U.S. environmental priorities for updating the Environmental Work Plan under the U.S.-Morocco Free Trade Agreement and the potential benefit of liquefied natural gas (LNG) imports on Morocco's economy. This visit comes on the heels of an EPA-led workshop in Rabat that shared U.S. best practices for solid waste management, public participation and crisis communication pursuant to the former Environmental Work Plan. 'These meetings allowed us to directly convey our priorities and best practices with Moroccan leaders, as well as identify opportunities for continued cooperation, as our two countries further talks around the Environmental Work Plan,' said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. 'We are committed to working closely with countries like Morocco to enhance environmental stewardship around the world.' Administrator Pruitt met with Moroccan Secretary of State of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mounia Boucetta, where the two discussed the importance of continued collaboration between the two countries. Following the meeting with Secretary Boucetta, he met with the Moroccan Minister of Energy, Mines and Sustainable Development, Aziz Rabbah, to discuss new and ongoing areas of collaboration under the Free Trade Agreement and the country's interest in importing LNG. Also during the visit to Morocco, Administrator Pruitt met with Moroccan Minister of Justice and Liberties, Mohamed Aujjar. The two focused on the importance of adhering to rule of law and the ongoing strategic cooperation between the two countries. Administrator Pruitt also toured the IRESEN Green Energy Park, where he saw firsthand the work being done to promote environmental innovation including solar energy across Morocco. ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/administrator-pruitt-promotes-environmental-cooperation-us-partners-morocco>"], 12/12/17)

The Washington Post Criticized Pruitt For Spending A Night In Paris, When In Reality His Outbound Flight Was Cancelled And He Was Forced To Spend A Night Near Charles De Gaulle

Airport In France. “An EPA official said the trip was affected by weather delays, which prompted the group to stay in Paris on Dec. 10 before arriving in Rabat the next day.” ([HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2018/03/20/new-documents-show-nearly-68000-in-recent-premium-flights-hotel-stays-for-epas-pruitt/?utm_term=.31763eee1f18"], 03/20/18)

ABC News Falsely Reported That Pruitt Had One Scheduled Meeting For The First Day, When In Fact His Flight Was Cancelled Due To Snow At Dulles And His Schedule Had To Be Adjusted. “Wilcox said Saturday that Pruitt originally had more meetings scheduled that first day in Morocco but his plans changed after weather delayed his flight out of Dulles International Airport on Dec. 9” ([HYPERLINK "<http://abc7news.com/epa-chief-recorded-a-single-one-hour-meeting-on-day-1-of-morocco-trip/3375083/>"], 04/21/18)

ABC News Criticized EPA Over A Portion Of Pruitt’s Calendar Which Was Redacted, When The Redaction Was For A Senior Staff Meeting, It Listed Of All 98 Attendees For A Meeting In Washington That He Never Attended. “The four-page redaction to the Morocco schedule is simply a calendar entry for a Senior Staff Meeting at EPA Headquarters in DC, which the Administrator did not attend because he was in Morocco. The entry includes all attendees invited to the meeting, which is the reason for the extensive redaction. Every meeting that took place in Morocco has been publicized and included on the Administrator’s schedule.”

Despite The False Narrative From The Media That Pruitt Went To Morocco To Solely Promote Natural Gas, He Attended Numerous Meetings On A Wide Range Of Topics. “Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt returned Wednesday from a trip to Morocco, where he talked with officials about their interest in importing natural gas as well as other areas of ‘continued cooperation’ between the two countries... The purpose of the trip sparked questions from environmental groups, Democratic lawmakers and some industry experts, who noted that EPA plays no formal role in overseeing natural gas exports. Such activities are overseen primarily by the Energy Department and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.” ([HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2017/12/13/scott-pruitt-and-a-crew-of-epa-aides-just-spent-four-days-in-morocco-promoting-natural-gas/?utm_term=.106293b9e412"], 12/13/2017)

Pruitt Had Numerous Meetings Pertaining To Agency Priorities, Including Disaster Relief, Solid Waste Response, And The Bilateral Free Trade Agreement Between The U.S. And Morocco. “Pruitt met with three top Moroccan officials, according to the agency statement, including the minister of energy, mines and sustainable development; the minister of justice and liberties; and the secretary of state to the minister of foreign affairs. Wilcox said Pruitt ‘discussed our bilateral free trade agreement, solid waste response, disaster relief and communications with top Moroccan officials...’ His visit came shortly after the EPA held a workshop in Rabat about solid waste management, public participation and crisis communication. Morocco, the only African country with which the United States has a free-trade agreement, is a signatory to the 2015 Paris climate agreement and has collaborated in the past with U.S. officials on its push to expand domestic solar energy production. During the trip, Moroccan officials took Pruitt on a

tour of the IRESEN Green Energy Park, which the EPA said showed the administrator ‘firsthand the work being done to promote environmental innovation, including solar energy across Morocco.’ ([HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2017/12/13/scott-pruitt-and-a-crew-of-epa-aides-just-spent-four-days-in-morocco-promoting-natural-gas/?utm_term=.106293b9e412"], 12/13/2017)

AUSTRALIA ...

Members Of Administrator Pruitt’s Advance Team And Security Detail Traveled To Australia Prior To Administrator Pruitt’s Scheduled Trip To Meet With Australian Officials. “Pruitt was scheduled to participate in environment-related meetings with Australian officials on a visit to Sydney and Canberra...Wilcox said the original itinerary included a meeting with Australia’s parliament.” ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-trump-pruitt-exclusive/exclusive-epa-chiefs-aides-security-agents-made-45000-trip-to-australia-idUSKBN1HQ2U7>"] 04/19/2018)

EPA STATEMENT: “Government employees who travel for longer than 14 hours are able to fly in business class and our advance team, which included Millan Hupp and Kevin Chmielewski, was adhering to the federal government’s travel policy. Their job was to arrive before Administrator Pruitt, who had meetings planned with the Australian government, but his trip was cancelled due to Hurricane Harvey.” – EPA spokesman

Government Officials Are Authorized To Travel In Business Class If Flights Exceed 14 hours. “The purchase of business-class tickets was not a violation of U.S. government policy, which allows federal employees to travel business class on trips lasting 14 hours or more.” ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-trump-pruitt-exclusive/exclusive-epa-chiefs-aides-security-agents-made-45000-trip-to-australia-idUSKBN1HQ2U7>"] 04/19/2018)

The Trip Was Ultimately Cancelled Due To Emergency Agency Needs Surrounding Hurricane Harvey. “EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox said Pruitt’s trip was canceled because of Hurricane Harvey, which caused major flooding and damage in Texas. Pruitt ended up going to Corpus Christi, Texas to assess the agency’s relief efforts instead.” ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-trump-pruitt-exclusive/exclusive-epa-chiefs-aides-security-agents-made-45000-trip-to-australia-idUSKBN1HQ2U7>"] 04/19/2018)

On August 30, 2017, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt Visited Corpus Christi “To Assess EPA Relief Efforts And Thank Responders.” “U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt traveled to Corpus Christi today to assess EPA relief efforts and thank responders. Administrator Pruitt also met with local and state leaders to discuss continued relief measures in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey.” ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/administrator-pruitt-meets-hurricane-harvey-responders-and-officials-texas>"], 8/30/17)

Pruitt Stated That He Saw The “Devastation Endured By Texas” Firsthand While Visiting Corpus Christi. “The devastation endured by Texas this week is unfathomable. As I saw firsthand today, the Lone Star State has shown commendable perseverance in helping their

fellow neighbors through this crisis,' said Administrator Pruitt. 'EPA is committed to working with our federal, state, and local partners to provide relief to the affected regions.'" ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/administrator-pruitt-meets-hurricane-harvey-responders-and-officials-texas>"], 8/30/17)

Pruitt Had Been Scheduled To Participate In Environment-Related Meetings In Sydney And Canberra, Australia, But Cancelled The Trips Due To Hurricane Harvey. "Pruitt was scheduled to participate in environment-related meetings with Australian officials on a visit to Sydney and Canberra. EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox said Pruitt's trip was canceled because of Hurricane Harvey, which caused major flooding and damage in Texas. Pruitt ended up going to Corpus Christi, Texas to assess the agency's relief efforts instead." ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-trump-pruitt-exclusive/exclusive-epa-chiefs-aides-security-agents-made-45000-trip-to-australia-idUSKBN1HQ2U7>"], 4/19/18)

PRUITT'S ONE-BEDROOM LEASE ON CAPITOL HILL

VICKI AND STEVE HART ...

EPA STATEMENT: "When Administrator Pruitt arrived in Washington, he stayed at a condo owned by a friend and paid her for it. Vicki Hart is the sole owner of this complex and is a healthcare lobbyist." - EPA spokesman.

Steven Hart Is A Friend Of The Administrator's From Oklahoma And The Living Situation Was Temporary Until A Permanent Washington, DC Residence Could Be Arranged. "'My wife wasn't here yet. My children were back in Oklahoma,' Pruitt said. 'The needs were different. As soon as my wife came up, we moved to a different location where I couldn't just be living out of a suitcase...' Speaking of Hart, Pruitt said: 'He's the chairman of a law firm. I've know this gentleman for years. He's an Oklahoman, and his firm represents these [energy industry] clients, not him. There has been no connection whatsoever in that regard.'" ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.dailysignal.com/2018/04/03/ethics-officials-okd-bedroom-rental-epa-chief-says/>"],

04/03/2018)

Steven Hart Did Meet With Administrator Pruitt in 2017 But Claims It Was Done For A Friend And Not In An Official Capacity.

“Mr. Hart disputed on Saturday that his story had changed, saying in a written statement that his work with Mr. Treacy was not compensated and not on behalf of Smithfield. ‘I assisted a friend who serves on the Chesapeake Bay Commission, and this is inaccurately being tied to Smithfield Foods,’ Mr. Hart said. ‘I was not paid for this assistance and any suggestion that I lobbied for Smithfield Foods is inaccurate...’ a spokesman for Mr. Hart, Ryan Williams, told The New York Times that Mr. Hart had met with Mr. Pruitt in 2017, along with Dennis Treacy, a former Smithfield executive vice president. Mr. Treacy now serves on the board of directors of the Smithfield Foundation, which the food company describes as its philanthropic arm with a focus of combating hunger.” ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/21/climate/pruitt-hart-condo-epa-lobbying.html>"], 04/21/2018)

Steven Hart Attended A Meeting With Dennis Treacy, Former Executive Vice President Of Smithfield Foods, And Administrator Pruitt Met To Discuss Restoring The Chesapeake Bay And Was Not Conducted At The Request of Smithfield Foods.

“‘Smithfield Foods, Inc. has learned Williams & Jensen has advocated in support of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) programs to help the Chesapeake Bay,’ the company said in a statement Saturday. ‘The objective, while laudable, was not undertaken at the direction of or on behalf of Smithfield Foods. These activities were conducted at the request of a then former executive and current Smithfield Foundation board member, Dennis Treacy, in his personal capacity.’” ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/21/climate/pruitt-hart-condo-epa-lobbying.html>"], 04/21/2018)

EPA ETHICS OFFICIALS CLEARED PRUITT’S LEASE ...

On March 29, 2018, ABC News Reported EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt Lived In A Condo Owned By The Wife Of A Lobbyist Steven Hart.

“Hart confirmed to ABC News in a brief interview that Pruitt had lived in the flat, which is owned by a limited liability company that links to an address listed to Hart and his wife Vicki Hart, a lobbyist with expertise in the healthcare arena. Steven Hart said Vicki Hart co-owns the condo. He said his wife was not the majority owner, but would not identify her partners.” ([HYPERLINK "<http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/exclusive-cabinet-trouble-trump-epa-chief-lived-condo/story?id=54095310>"], 03/29/2018)

EPA Ethics Counsel Concludes Arrangement Wasn’t Ethics Issue Because Pruitt Paid Rent.

“Bloomberg reviewed six canceled checks paid by Pruitt totaling \$6,100 from March 18 through Sept 1, 2017. He paid \$450 on March 18, \$900 on April 26, \$850 on May 15, \$700 on June 4, \$1,500 on July 22 and \$1,700 on Sept 1... Justina Fugh, who has been ethics counsel at the EPA for a dozen years, said the arrangement wasn’t an ethics issue because Pruitt paid rent... Fugh, the EPA’s ethics counsel, said no gift was involved. It was a routine business arrangement between Pruitt and an individual, not a lobbying firm, she added.” ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-03-30/epa-chief-s-50-a-night-rental-said-to-raise->

white-house-angst"], 03/29/18)

EPA Ethics Official Concluded That Pruitt's \$50 A Night / \$1,500 A Month Was Market Rate For One Bedroom On Capitol Hill. "In a memo obtained by CBS News, the Environmental Protection Agency's Ethics Official and Deputy Counsel concluded that EPA Administrator's Scott Pruitt's housing arrangement did not breach any ethical violations or constitute a gift. The memo, signed by EPA Deputy Counsel Kevin Minoli, says that the EPA's investigation determined that 'when checked against the price of traditional month-to-month rentals that would most likely offer increased privacy and exclusivity of use, a converted amount of \$1,500 for Tenant's portion of the rent under the lease is within the range of amounts charged for locations no further than three blocks away.'" ([HYPERLINK "file:///C:\\Users\\jhewit01\\Documents\\%3ehttps:\\www.cbsnews.com\\news\\epa-ethics-official-argues-scott-pruitts-condo-rental-wasnt-ethics-breach\\%3c"], 4/4/18)

OBAMA'S TREASURY SECRETARY TIMOTHY GEITNER LIVED RENT-FREE IN A BANKING EXECUTIVE'S HOME ...

During The Previous Administration, Then-Treasury Secretary Timothy Geitner Lived Rent-Free In A \$3.5 Million Townhouse Owned By A Bank Executive While Geitner Was Overseeing The Bailout Crisis For Wall Street Banks "Geithner lived with Zelikow's family in the six-bedroom house, which is next door to the residence of the ambassador of Monaco and not far from the home of Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, during most of his first eight months running the Treasury Department. At that time, Geithner was overseeing the bailout of several huge Wall Street banks, including JPMorgan, which received \$25 billion in federal rescue funds from the TARP program... The bank, JPMorgan Chase, has just rehired one of Geithner's oldest and dearest friends, Daniel Zelikow, as a top executive, only a year after the Treasury secretary moved out of his rent-free accommodations in Zelikow's \$3.5 million Washington townhouse." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.thedailybeast.com/treasury-secretary-timothy-geithners-wall-street-conflict"], 08/15/10)

THREATS AGAINST PRUITT

ON APRIL 6, 2018 THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FALSELY CLAIMED THEIR WERE NO THREATS AGAINST ADMINISTRATOR PRUITT ...

On April 6, 2018, The Associated Press Falsely Reported That There Are No Threats Against Administrator Pruitt Because No Arrests Or Charges Have Been Filed. “A nationwide search of state and federal court records by AP found no case where anyone has been arrested or charged with threatening Pruitt. EPA’s press office did not respond Friday to provide details of any specific threats or arrests.” ([HYPERLINK "<http://www.therepublic.com/2018/04/06/us-trump-epa-security/>"], 4/6/18)

PREVIOUS MEDIA REPORTS DISPUTE THIS CLAIM ...

On April 11, 2018, CBS News Reported That Administrator Pruitt Received Numerous Threats Including One “Deemed Serious Enough To Prosecute” By The Department Of Justice. “CBS News has obtained an August 2017 report prepared by the Environmental Protection Agency’s office of inspector general that contains a list of 13 threats made against EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt and his family. The threats range in severity, credibility and specificity. One tweet flagged by investigators said, ‘Pruitt, I’m gonna find you and put a bullet between your eyes. Don’t think I’m joking. I’m planning this.’ Investigators believe the threat was made by someone living in India... In certain cases, cases were referred to the Justice Department, but just one was deemed serious enough to prosecute. The report covers the period from Oct. 2016 to Aug. 2017.” ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/here-are-some-of-the-threats-made-against-epa-administrator-scott-pruitt/>"], 4/11/18)

On January 11, 2018 E&E News Reported That “Pruitt Has Faced More Threats Than His Immediate Predecessors, Former Administrators Gina McCarthy And Lisa Jackson.” “In an interview with E&E News, Patrick Sullivan, EPA’s assistant IG for investigations, said the watchdog opened roughly 70 threat probes in fiscal 2017, including cases and complaints related to EPA facilities and personnel. That surpassed the total of about 45 such probes into threats against EPA from fiscal 2016. Sullivan also said Pruitt has faced more threats than his immediate predecessors, former administrators Gina McCarthy and Lisa Jackson. ‘He has had significantly more threats directed against him. There’s absolutely no question about it,’ Sullivan said.” ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.eenews.net/stories/1060070805>"], 1/11/18)

On November 1, 2017 The Wall Street Journal Reported On “More Than 70 Credible Threats Against EPA Staffers, With A Disproportionate Number Menacing Administrator Scott Pruitt And His Family.” “Since the Trump Administration took office, the agency has investigated more than 70 credible threats against EPA staffers, with a disproportionate number menacing Administrator Scott Pruitt and his family... Mr. Pruitt has received more than five times as many threats as his predecessor, Gina McCarthy. These include explicit death threats. Some have referenced Mr. Pruitt’s home address. Federal law enforcement has determined that some of

those threatening Mr. Pruitt are likely capable of carrying out acts of violence. EPA security has already caught suspects prowling around the administrator's neighborhood." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.wsj.com/articles/keeping-scott-pruitt-safe-1509578717"], 11/1/17)

EPA'S PROTECTICE SERVICE DETAIL & SPENDING

EPA STATEMENTS ...

Spending Decisions Are Made By EPA'S Protective Service Detail. "Security decisions are made by EPA's Protective Service Detail and are similar to security protocol across the federal government." – EPA spokesman

Pruitt Has Faced An Unprecedented Amount Of Threats Against Him. "According to EPA's Assistant Inspector General, Scott Pruitt has faced an unprecedented amount of death threats against him and security decisions are made by EPA's Protective Service Detail. Americans should all agree that members of the President's cabinet should be kept safe from these violent threats." – EPA spokesman

SECURE PHONE LINE ...

Pruitt's \$43,000 Soundproof Phone Booth Started More Modestly. "In the beginning, it was supposed to be just a secure telephone line. But over the course of four months last year, that phone line destined for the office of Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt morphed from a no-more-than \$13,500 project into a \$43,000 privacy booth, complete with silenced ventilation and "noise-lock" paneling to keep conversations from being overheard, according to documents obtained by Bloomberg News." ([HYPERLINK "[https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-04-20/pruitt-s-43-000-soundproof-phone-booth-started-more-modestly](\"https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-04-20/pruitt-s-43-000-soundproof-phone-booth-started-more-modestly\")"], 4/20/18)

Costs Ballooned After Initial Cost Estimate Was Created. "EPA officials seeking bids for the project initially estimated a privacy booth would cost \$13,500 on a July 24, 2017 requisition form. Another \$11,500 was added on Aug. 17, and an additional \$570 was included on Aug. 23 as the staff closed in on a final vendor. That \$25,570, including a \$1,000 after-hours delivery charge, was just for the booth itself; total costs ballooned to \$43,000 after prep work and installation, including leveling a concrete floor to insert the pre-fabricated steel box. Former Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff Reginald Allen – who had the top career post in the EPA – sent booth costs of \$24,570 to Chmielewski on Aug. 23, adding that he was waiting for an estimate for the floor from Jefferson's team. Another email says funding was being handled by Allen's office." ([HYPERLINK "[https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-04-20/pruitt-s-43-000-soundproof-phone-booth-started-more-modestly](\"https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-04-20/pruitt-s-43-000-soundproof-phone-booth-started-more-modestly\")"], 4/20/18)

Career Staff, Not Pruitt, Were Behind EPA's \$43K Phone Booth. "However, the documents 'show the heavy role played by career officials who have purchasing power — and suggest political appointees without the authority to approve acquisitions were less involved,' Dlouhy reported. 'Administrator Pruitt simply requested a secure phone line but never asked for a soundproof booth, nor did he have knowledge of its purchase,' EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox told Bloomberg. The secure phone booth was initially estimated to cost \$13,500, but soon morphed into \$43,000 project, 'complete with silenced ventilation and 'noise-lock' paneling to keep conversations from being overheard,' according to Bloomberg." ([HYPERLINK "[http://dailycaller.com/2018/04/20/pruitt-soundproofphone-booth/](\"http://dailycaller.com/2018/04/20/pruitt-soundproofphone-booth/\")"], 4/20/18)

EPA Career Officials Oversaw The Contract For The Phone Line. “Career officials at the Environmental Protection Agency who oversaw the funding and construction of a controversial secure phone booth for Administrator Scott Pruitt's office were acting at the behest of political appointees and security staff, documents obtained by CBS News show. The documents show that the project started soliciting bids at an estimated \$13,500 last summer. It eventually cost \$43,000, which included painting, floor and ceiling work and prepping the room. Presented with four pricing options ranging between \$20,560 and \$24,570, career officials chose the most expensively priced because it included ‘expedited materials and working outside regular business hours.’” ([[HYPERLINK "https://www.cbsnews.com/news/documents-provide-window-into-scott-pruitts-controversial-43000-phone-booth/"](https://www.cbsnews.com/news/documents-provide-window-into-scott-pruitts-controversial-43000-phone-booth/)], 04/20/18)

The Daily Caller: Career Staff, Not Pruitt, Were Behind EPA’s \$43K Phone Booth [[HYPERLINK "https://t.co/uaxNEzD695"](https://t.co/uaxNEzD695) \t "_blank"] ([[HYPERLINK "https://twitter.com/DailyCaller/status/988015035032199168"](https://twitter.com/DailyCaller/status/988015035032199168)], 04/22/2018)

Jennifer Dlouhy, Bloomberg Reporter: New documents show how a possibly modest request for a secure phone line in EPA Chief Pruitt’s office morphed into a \$43,000 soundproof booth w/ noise-lock paneling & silenced ventilation. ([[HYPERLINK "https://twitter.com/jendlouhyhc/status/987307909490110464"](https://twitter.com/jendlouhyhc/status/987307909490110464)], 04/20/18)

Steve Milloy, JunkScience: JunkScience: Pfft... another line of attack on @EPAScottPruitt fizzles. Pruitt only asked for a secure phone line for \$13,500. But the bureaucracy tripled the cost. ([[HYPERLINK "https://twitter.com/JunkScience/status/987374401858560000"](https://twitter.com/JunkScience/status/987374401858560000)], 04/20/18)

Chris Mooney, Washington Post Reporter: Pruitt's \$43,000 phone booth started more modestly [[HYPERLINK "https://t.co/scXONahEul"](https://t.co/scXONahEul) \t "_blank" \o "https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-04-20/pruitt-s-43-000-soundproof-phone-booth-started-more-modestly"] via [[HYPERLINK "https://twitter.com/bpolitics/"](https://twitter.com/bpolitics/) \t "_blank"] ([[HYPERLINK "https://twitter.com/chrisymooney/status/987437139674763264"](https://twitter.com/chrisymooney/status/987437139674763264)], 04/20/18)

Major Garrett, CBS Chief White House Correspondent: Documents provide window into Scott Pruitt’s controversial \$43,000 phone booth [[HYPERLINK "https://t.co/TDsD5NjoIC"](https://t.co/TDsD5NjoIC) \t "_blank" \o "https://www.cbsnews.com/news/documents-provide-window-into-scott-pruitts-controversial-43000-phone-booth/"] via [[HYPERLINK "https://twitter.com/CBSPolitics/"](https://twitter.com/CBSPolitics/) \t "_blank"] ([[HYPERLINK "https://twitter.com/MajorCBS/status/987461116296159232"](https://twitter.com/MajorCBS/status/987461116296159232)], 04/20/2018)

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BULLET-PROOF VEHICLES MYTH ...

EPA Corrects Media Reports About Bulletproof Tires And Bullet-Resistant Seat Covers For Pruitt. “The Environmental Protection Agency is correcting the record, claiming news reports about bulletproof tires and bullet-resistant seat covers to protect its embattled chief Scott Pruitt at government expense were inaccurate. EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox told Fox News: ‘We would like to put this rumor to rest. EPA has no bulletproof vehicles, tires or seat covers, the agency has no contracts for any bulletproof vehicles, tires or seat covers, and the agency never sought any contracts for bulletproof vehicles, tires or seat covers.’ Wilcox also sent to Fox News ‘the federal purchase order, which reveals there was no purchase of bulletproof tires or bullet-resistant covers.’ Wilcox added, ‘In response to an individual attempting to assassinate numerous Congressional Republicans while they practiced for a charity baseball game, EPA’s Protective Service Detail placed bullet-proof vests over each seat.’” ([HYPERLINK "http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2018/04/18/epa-corrects-reports-about-bulletproof-tires-and-bullet-resistant-seat-covers-for-pruitt.html"], 4/18/18)

SECURITY SWEEPS ...

Former EPA Administrators Lisa Jackson And Gina McCarthy Also Had Their Office Swept. “He added, ‘According to EPA’s Protective Service, security sweeps are common practice in government, as former EPA Administrators Lisa Jackson and Gina McCarthy also had their office swept.’ While there was no competitive bidding for Steinmetz’s [\$3,000] contract, Wilcox said the agency considered multiple vendors for the biometric locks used in Pruitt’s office and for the EPA inspector general.” ([HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2018/03/06/man-hired-to-sweep-scott-pruitts-office-for-bugs-is-in-business-with-a-top-epa-security-official/?utm_term=.90f1a1719111"], 3/6/18)

FIRST CLASS TRAVEL

Security Incidents Prompted EPA Officials To Move Administrator Pruitt To First Or Business Class. “The shift to first-class travel began after May 2017, when EPA officials saw how recognizable Pruitt was to the general public, Barnett said. There were ‘incidents where he was being approached – vulgar language, people were being somewhat aggressive towards him – and so the special agent in charge provided documentation – a memo – to me and up the chain of command requesting the administrator be placed in business- or first-class to avoid these potential issues for the safety of the administrator.’” ([HYPERLINK "https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-02-15/epa-chief-s-high-flying-travel-prompted-by-vulgar-encounters"], 02/15/2018)

Prior To Every Flight, EPA Submitted A Security-Related Waiver To Approve Administrator Pruitt’s Travel Arrangements. “EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox said the agency submits a security-related waiver for each trip Pruitt takes.” ([HYPERLINK "https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-02-15/epa-chief-s-high-flying-travel-prompted-by-vulgar-encounters"], 02/15/2018)

EPA Submitted Letter To House Oversight Committee Chairman Explaining Waiver. “In a letter to Gowdy, EPA said that Pruitt’s first class travel was approved ‘on an individualized basis,’ and was necessary due to security concerns. His security detail, the letter said, ‘identified specific, ongoing threats associated with the administration administrator’s air travel and, therefore, shifted his class based on security protocols that require him to be near the front of the plane.’” ([HYPERLINK "https://www.thedailybeast.com/scott-pruitt-spent-dollar105000-on-first-class-flights-2"], 3/20/18)

EPA Spent \$105,000 On First Class Travel For Administrator Pruitt For Travel. “Environmental Protection Agency administration Scott Pruitt spent about \$105,000 on first class airfare since assuming the post, records obtained by The Daily Beast show. The details of Pruitt’s travel are spelled out in documents sent to congressional investigators on Tuesday as part of the House Oversight Committee’s probe into the use of taxpayer resources for official government travel.” ([HYPERLINK "https://www.thedailybeast.com/scott-pruitt-spent-dollar105000-on-first-class-flights-2"], 3/20/18)

In February 2018, Administrator Pruitt Announced He Directed Security Team To Accommodate Threats To Allow Him To Fly Coach. “There’s a change coming, because look the security threat matters,’ Pruitt said. ‘What I’ve told them going forward is this: There is a change occurring, you’re going to accommodate the security threats as they exist, you’re going to accommodate those in all ways, alternate ways, up to and including flying coach, and that is what’s going to happen on my very next flight. So those things are happening right away.’” ([HYPERLINK "https://www.cbsnews.com/news/scott-pruitt-my-very-next-flight-will-be-coach-epa-administrator-the-takeout-interview/"], 02/28/2018)

The Associated Press Used Flights On Southwest Airlines – Which Does Not Have First Class –

To Push Their False Narrative That Pruitt Flies Coach When He Is Paying For Person Travel.

“The AP released a report on Wednesday titled: ‘EPA chief sat in coach when not flying on taxpayer’s dime.’ The headline — and the opening lede — suggested that the leader of the EPA makes more economical decisions when taking personal flights, as opposed to his travel when conducting official business. However, there is one major detail included about Southwest Airlines: They do not offer first-class travel. This detail was included in the body of the AP article, but the headline and angle of the report framed Pruitt as a hypocrite when it comes to personal travel.” ([HYPERLINK "<http://dailycaller.com/2018/04/19/associated-press-scott-pruitt-travel/>"], 4/19/18)

The Associated Press Falsely Reported That EPA Confirmed Their Claim. “This was not the only detail the EPA took issue with. The AP claimed on Twitter that it confirmed their story with the agency. However, EPA spokesperson Jahan Wilcox said this tweet is false and that the agency never confirmed their report. ‘The same security procedures are followed whether Administrator Pruitt is on official or personal travel,’ the official statement provided to the AP read. The statement neither confirmed nor denied the story.” ([HYPERLINK "<http://dailycaller.com/2018/04/19/associated-press-scott-pruitt-travel/>"], 4/19/18)

PRUITT'S EPA EMAIL ACCOUNTS

EPA STATEMENT: "When EPA receives a FOIA request concerning the Administrator's emails, all accounts associated are searched before we respond to that request." – Steve Fine, Acting Chief Information Officer

EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy had 4 email accounts: [HYPERLINK

"mailto:5178RAMcCarthy@epa.gov"], [HYPERLINK "mailto:Adm13McCarthy@epa.gov"], [HYPERLINK "mailto:GinaMcCarthy.epaadministrator@epa.gov"], and [HYPERLINK "mailto:McCarthy.Gina@epa.gov"].

Obama EPA officials said multiple email addresses for the Administrator "have been standard practice since the Clinton Administration."

"The internal account exists so that Jackson's communications with other government officials aren't buried under the crush of emails flooding into her public account, [HYPERLINK "mailto:jackson.lisap@epa.gov"], which got 1.5 million emails in fiscal year 2012, EPA says. The agency says such dual- account arrangements have been standard practice since the Clinton administration, when EPA Administrator Carol Browner was first assigned two @epa.gov email addresses. 'For more than a decade, EPA administrators have been assigned two official, government-issued email accounts: a public account and an internal account,' EPA said in a statement to POLITICO." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.politico.com/story/2012/11/lisa-jacksons-windsor-knot-084112"], Politico, 11/20/12)

Lisa Jackson had one email for the public and one internal account to communicate with staff and other government officials.

"The email address for the public account is posted on EPA's website and is used by hundreds of thousands of Americans to send messages to the administrator. The internal account is an everyday, working email account of the administrator to communicate with staff and other government officials." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.politico.com/story/2012/11/lisa-jacksons-windsor-knot-084112"], Politico, 11/20/12)

George W. Bush's Administration said there was nothing usual about Lisa Jackson's multiple email accounts.

"High-ranking officials from George W. Bush's EPA agree that the arrangement is nothing new, and say they were never under the impression that the internal account was a secret. Senior EPA leadership and EPA regional administrators had the email address, as did anyone to whom the administrator provided it, and the messages were all considered part of the public record. When it comes to public records and FOIA requests, 'both the public and internal accounts are reviewed for responsive records, and responsive records from both accounts are provided to FOIA requesters,' EPA said." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.politico.com/story/2012/11/lisa-jacksons-windsor-knot-084112"], Politico, 11/20/12)

RAISES TO STAFF & AD HIRING AUTHORITY

The Atlantic falsely claimed that Administrator Scott Pruitt was responsible for substantial pay raises to two staff. “In early March, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt approached the White House with a request: He wanted substantial pay raises for two of his closest aides.” ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2018/04/pruitt-epa/557123/https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2018/04/pruitt-epa/557123/>"], 4/3/18)

Administrator Pruitt swiftly denied his involvement in the raises. “I found out this yesterday and I corrected the action and we are in the process of finding out how it took place and correcting it,” – EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt ([HYPERLINK "<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2018/04/04/epas-scott-pruitt-pushes-back-on-pay-raise-condo-controversy-in-fox-exclusive.html>"], 4/4/18)

Ryan Jackson, EPA Chief of Staff, went on the record stating that Administrator Pruitt had zero knowledge of the raises. “Administrator Pruitt had zero knowledge of the amount of the raises, nor the process by which they transpired. These kind of personnel actions are handled by EPA’s HR officials, Presidential Personnel Office and me,” Jackson said in a prepared statement Monday. – Ryan Jackson, EPA Chief of Staff ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.politico.com/story/2018/04/09/pruitt-epa-raises-511112https://www.politico.com/story/2018/04/09/pruitt-epa-raises-511112>"], 4/9/18)

Jackson provided Politico with reasoning for the substantial raises but confirmed that they had been reversed per Pruitt’s direction. “He [Ryan Jackson] said the staffers were to be paid “similar to their peers given their responsibilities over the past year,” and that their original salaries started lower than their colleagues’ because they had moved to Washington, D.C., from Oklahoma, where salaries are lower. He added that the raises had been reversed, as Pruitt instructed, and any future changes would go through the White House for evaluation.” ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.politico.com/story/2018/04/09/pruitt-epa-raises-511112https://www.politico.com/story/2018/04/09/pruitt-epa-raises-511112>"], 4/9/18)

EPA’s Office of Inspector General issued a Management Alert on Salary Increases for Certain Administratively Determined Positions on 4/16/18, which referenced EPA’s further reasoning for the raises. “These salary determinations for appointees were made by the Agency chief of staff, White House liaison, and Agency human resources staff based on previous salary history and increases in salary were made due to either new and additional responsibilities or promotions. The salaries involved were meant to correspond directly with the responsibilities the individual held and to attempt to ensure no salary disparities among positions of equivalent or similar responsibilities with other political appointees as much as possible. As employees continue to work in the agency reaching milestones like one year of employment and/or continue to take on new responsibilities, we will further evaluate their salaries to ensure the employees compensation is commensurate with their seniority and work.” (EPA’s 4/15/18 response to OIG’s 4/11/18 draft report, [HYPERLINK "<https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018->

04/documents/_epaoig_20180416-18-n-0154.pdf"], 4/16/18) [See attached for OIG management alert]

EPA's Office of Inspector General further provides the HR documentation supporting the raises in this Management Alert, which show Ryan Jackson approved the raises. Documents show that authorizations for these raises (Employee A and Employee B), were signed "Ryan Jackson for Scott Pruitt." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-04/documents/_epaoig_20180416-18-n-0154.pdf"], 4/16/18) [See attached for OIG management alert]

EPA STATEMENT: "The Safe Drinking Water Act provides the EPA with broad authority to appoint scientific, engineering, professional, legal, and administrative positions within EPA without regard to the civil service laws. This is clear authority that has been relied on by previous administrations," EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox said in a statement. ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2018/04/pruitt-epa/557123/>"], 4/3/18)

- **Direct Text of Statute:** "*§ 300j–10. Appointment of scientific, etc., personnel by Administrator of Environmental Protection Agency for implementation of responsibilities; compensation*
To the extent that the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency deems such action necessary to the discharge of his functions under title XIV of the Public Health Service Act [42 U.S.C. 300f et seq.] (relating to safe drinking water) and under other provisions of law, he may appoint personnel to fill not more than thirty scientific, engineering, professional, legal, and administrative positions within the Environmental Protection Agency without regard to the civil service laws and may fix the compensation of such personnel not in excess of the maximum rate payable for GS–18 of the General Schedule under section 5332 of title 5." ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/USCODE-2015-title42/pdf/USCODE-2015-title42-chap6A-subchapXII-partE-sec300j-10.pdf>"])

Multiple EPA employees from previous administrations have confirmed its wide use. "Stan Meiburg, who spent 39 years at EPA, including as acting deputy administrator in the Obama administration, said, "It has been done by both parties, so it has been ratified over time.... These are highly prized positions because you can bring people in without having to go through the usual competition process." Meiburg remembered both the George W. Bush and Obama administrations having AD hires. ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.eenews.net/stories/1060078167/print>"], 4/4/18)

- "A provision of the Safe Drinking Water Act allows the EPA administrator to hire up to 30 people into the agency, without White House or congressional approval. The provision, meant to help expedite the hiring of experts and allow for more flexible staffing, became law in 1996. In past administrations, it has been used to hire specialists into custom-made roles in especially stressed offices, according to Bob Perciasepe, a former acting EPA administrator." ([HYPERLINK "

"<https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2018/04/pruitt-epa/557123/><https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2018/04/pruitt-epa/557123/>"], 4/3/18)

When asked about how the AD hiring authority has been used in previous administrations, former EPA employees all had conflicting comments on what it was used for, supporting that the statute gives broad authority to the Administrator. "Stan Meiburg, who spent 39 years at EPA, including as acting deputy administrator in the Obama administration... recalled some of those hires landing as political aides to EPA regional chiefs during those administrations. Meiburg said it made sense that the Trump administration would use the hiring authority for political aides like press officials and schedulers to assist Pruitt. "Those are pretty specialized skills, and there are folks in the political field who have those skills," said Meiburg, who now teaches at Wake Forest University. "That's not to say you don't need a good solid career staff in public affairs, as well." But Meiburg found it noteworthy that Pruitt had used the hiring authority to bring on deputy assistant administrators. "The use of the AD authority to bring on a political deputy is a little unusual," Meiburg said. "*Most of the AD appointments are at a lower level.* You usually have a non-career SES be a political deputy." ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.eenews.net/stories/1060078167/print>"], 4/4/18)

- ***"The people I knew of in that category were well-seasoned, experienced professionals in their fields," said Ken Kopocis,*** who headed the Office of Water from 2011 to 2015. "We did not use it as a way to get around the White House. ... It's not designed to fill up your political slots." ([HYPERLINK "[https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/powerpost/paloma/the-energy-202/2018/04/04/the-energy-202-environmentalists-ethics-experts-question-scott-pruitt-s-unusual-hiring-practice/5ac3e5d330fb0478f2925189/](\"https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/powerpost/paloma/the-energy-202/2018/04/04/the-energy-202-environmentalists-ethics-experts-question-scott-pruitt-s-unusual-hiring-practice/5ac3e5d330fb0478f2925189/\")"], 04/04/18)
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KEVIN CHMIELEWESKI & SENATE DEMOCRATS' LETTER

ALLEGATION 1 ...

Mr. Chmielewski provided several examples to lawmakers of wasteful security spending beyond justifying the use of first-class travel under the guise of security. This includes the purchase of bulletproof vests and weapons, biometric locks, a security sweep of Administrator Pruitt's office, one or more new SUVs for Administrator Pruitt's travel (rather than obtaining vehicles from the General Services Administration), and a \$30,000 contract with private Italian security personnel entered into by Mr. Nino Perrotta, the Special Agent who leads Administrator Pruitt's security detail. Mr. Chmielewski explained that at least one security-related contract was awarded to an individual who works at Mr. Perrotta's private security firm, and he believes that other contracts may also have been awarded to friends or associates of Mr. Perrotta's.

SECURITY DETAIL FOR THE G-7 SUMMIT IN ITALY ...

EPA Security Detail Followed The Same Security Procedures On The G7 Trip That Have Been Used For The Previous 14 Years. "EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox said the security detail 'followed the same procedures for the G7 environmental meeting in Italy that were used during EPA Administrators Stephen Johnson, Lisa Jackson, and Gina McCarthy's trips to Italy. EPA's security procedures have not deviated over the past 14 years.'" ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-epa-spending/epa-chiefs-security-detail-on-italy-trip-cost-30000-document-idUSKBN1GW29H?il=0>"], 3/20/18)

EPA STATEMENT: "Administrator Pruitt attended numerous G7 meetings with his bilateral counterparts and in terms of security, EPA's Protective Service Detail tried to replicate the same security measures taken when EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy traveled to Italy in 2015." – EPA spokesman

BULLETPROOF VEHICLES ...

On April 19, 2018 Fox News Reported That EPA Pushed Back On Claims Of Purchasing Bulletproof Materials, Stating That The Agency Has Never Sought Nor Purchased Any Bulletproof Vehicles, Tires, Or Seat Covers. "EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox told Fox News: 'We would like to put this rumor to rest. EPA has no bulletproof vehicles, tires or seat covers, the agency has no contracts for any bulletproof vehicles, tires or seat covers, and the agency never sought any contracts for bulletproof vehicles, tires or seat covers.'" ([HYPERLINK "<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2018/04/18/epa-corrects-reports-about-bulletproof-tires-and-bullet-resistant-seat-covers-for-pruitt.html>"], 4/19/18)

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ALLEGATION 2 ...

Mr. Chmielewski told Congressional staff that Administrator Pruitt spent well beyond the \$5,000 allowed by law to decorate his office, including refinishing an antique desk, purchasing an additional standing desk, paying leases for art on loan from the Smithsonian Institution, framing an 8x10 foot United States flag, and building a \$43,000 soundproof phone booth.

SMITHSONIAN'S POLICY/STATEMENT ...

Chmielewski Claimed That EPA Was Paying Leases For Artwork On Loan From The Smithsonian Institution, This Claim Is False As The Smithsonian Routinely Loans Cabinet Officials Paintings Free Of Charge. "One thing Chmielewski told Democrats was that EPA was 'paying leases for art on loan from the Smithsonian Institution' to furnish Pruitt's office. Chmielewski's also claimed Pruitt 'spent well beyond the \$5,000 allowed by law to decorate' his office, which included 'refinishing an antique desk, purchasing an additional standing desk.' Smithsonian Institution's chief spokeswoman, however, told the New Republic's Emily Atkin they don't lease artwork to federal agencies. Spokeswoman Linda St. Thomas 'we do not charge' for artwork on loan. Atkin noted '[p]aintings and sculptures not on view in the museums are routinely loaned to members of Congress, the Supreme Court, and the White House, she said.' St. Thomas said 'President Barack Obama's EPA administrators also loaned paintings from the Smithsonian American Art Museum,' Atkin reported." ([HYPERLINK "<http://dailycaller.com/2018/04/13/accusation-dems-leveled-pruitt-proven-wrong/>"], 4/13/18)

DESKS ...

EPA Spokesman Jahan Wilcox Stated That "The Administrator Never Considered The Proposal," Regarding Desks. "Asked about the proposed desk purchases, Mr. Wilcox, the E.P.A. spokesman, said that 'the administrator never considered the proposal.'" ([HYPERLINK "<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/05/business/epa-officials-questioned-scott-pruitt.html>"], 4/5/18)

ALLEGATION 3 ...

Mr. Chmielewski said that Administrator Pruitt insisted on the use of lights and sirens to transport more quickly through traffic to the airport, meetings, and social events on numerous occasions, and that Administrator Pruitt permitted his drivers to speed through residential neighborhoods and red lights, far in excess of posted speed limits.

LIGHTS & SIRENS ...

EPA Stated That "The Security Detail For The Past 15 Years Has Used Them In Very Limited Fashion." "The agency said Mr. Pruitt played no role in deciding when the sirens and lights would be used. 'The security detail for the past 15 years has used them in very limited fashion,'

Mr. Wilcox said.” ([HYPERLINK "https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/05/business/epa-officials-questioned-scott-pruitt.html"], 4/5/18)

ALLEGATION 4 ...

Mr. Chmielewski said that Administrator Pruitt his Director of Scheduling and Advance Millan Hupp acted as a personal real estate representative, spending weeks improperly using federal government resources and time to contact rental and seller’s agents, and touring numerous properties in which he might wish to reside.

HOUSING SEARCH ...

EPA Said That Government Resources Were Used To Find Administrator Pruitt Housing Is “Categorically False.” “In a statement, EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox responded, ‘The notion that government resources were used to assist in finding housing is categorically false.’” ([HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2018/04/03/epas-pruitt-gave-big-raises-to-two-close-aides-after-being-rebuffed-by-the-white-house/?utm_term=.ea0295364879"], 4/3/18)

ALLEGATION 5 ...

Mr. Chmielewski said that Ms. Hupp, at Administrator Pruitt ‘s direction, sought to have the agency enter into a \$100,000 per month contract to rent a private jet, which would have cost more than the Administrator’s annual travel budget of approximately \$450,000. Mr. Chmielewski claimed he successfully prevented this from occurring, as it would have been far in excess of the total travel budget of the office.

PRIVATE PLANE CONTRACT ...

On April 2, 2018 The Washington Post Reported That EPA Received A Solicitation From A Private Jet Firm, But Decided To Reject It And Continue To Fly Commercial. “‘This is not news,’ EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox said in a statement Monday. ‘EPA’s [chief financial officer] regularly receives solicitations for this type of travel, we did our due diligence, found it was not as cost efficient and continued to fly commercial.’” ([HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/epa-explored-private-jet-lease-for-pruitts-travels-last-year/2018/04/02/8651deb8-3607-11e8-8fd2-49fe3c675a89_story.html?noredirect=on&utm_term=.e34e32cbc3b8"], 4/2/18)

ALLEGATION 6 ...

Mr. Chmielewski said he observed that Administrator Pruitt ‘s travel destinations are often dictated by his desire to visit particular cities or countries rather than official business, and that he told staff to something to do [in those locations]? to justify the use of taxpayer funds. He stated that you direct your staff to book flights on Delta, even when they are not the federal government’s contract carrier for the route, because Administrator Pruitt wanted to accrue more frequent flyer miles.

PRUITT'S TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF WASHINGTON ...

On October 1, 2017 Tulsa World Reported That EPA Spokesman Stated That “Administrator Pruitt Has Made It A Priority To Get Out Of The Deep State Of Washington,” And Hear From Americans That Were Ignored By The Past Administration.

“Administrator Pruitt has made it a priority to get out of the deep state of Washington and into cities, towns and states across the country hearing from Americans that were ignored by the past Administration,” said EPA Spokesman Jahan Wilcox. ‘When traveling, it is our policy to always fly commercial. There were few instances that dictated otherwise and the decision to fly private or government aircraft was made based on necessity or efficiency.’” ([HYPERLINK

"http://www.tulsaworld.com/homepagelatest/d-c-report-scott-pruitt-s-staff-defends-non-commercial/article_6caf81cf-4c47-57da-8bc5-af486092980c.html"], 10/1/17)

On April 21, 2018 The Washington Post Reported That Pruitt Has Visited Over 30 States.

“Administrator Pruitt has visited over 30 states. We will continue to visit those ignored by the Obama administration and implement President Trump’s agenda of regulatory certainty and environmental stewardship,’ Wilcox said.” ([HYPERLINK

"https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/a-factory-of-bad-ideas-how-scott-pruitt-undermined-his-mission-at-epa/2018/04/20/695fa2c0-42ac-11e8-bba2-0976a82b05a2_story.html?utm_term=.ac555b80f61b"], 4/21/18)

ALLEGATION 7 ...

He also informed Congressional staff that Administrator Pruitt directed EPA staff to find reasons to travel to Oklahoma, so that he could be in his home state for long weekends at taxpayers expense. Mr. Chmielewski described the official meetings in Oklahoma as being pretextual, such as scheduling an official meeting with an old friend. According to Mr. Chmielewski, Administrator Pruitt frequently stayed in hotels that exceeded the allowable US. government per diem, sometimes even exceeding the 300 percent cap permitted in exceptional circumstances. He added that while Administrator Pruitt was reimbursed for these expenses, on some occasions members of his security detail were not reimbursed for the portion of their expenses that exceeded allowable maximums.

OKLAHOMA TRAVEL ...

On February 17, 2018, CNN Reported That EPA Officials Treat Oklahoma “Exactly Like We Did North Dakota, Minnesota, Indiana And Every Other State We Visited During The Tour.”

“Reached for comment, EPA spokeswoman Liz Bowman said: ‘With respect to visiting Guymon, it was an important stop on our WOTUS [Waters of the United States] tour where we were able to hear comments from people who have been directly affected by the rule, whose voices have been disregarded in the rulemaking process. By visiting with government officials and citizens, we treated Oklahoma exactly like we did North Dakota, Minnesota, Indiana and every other state we visited during the tour.’” ([HYPERLINK

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2/17/18)

ALLEGATION 8 ...

After the EPA Chief of Staff raised concerns about Administrator Pruitt travel, Mr. Chmielewski reported that he texted his Chief of Staff to tell him that his presence was no longer welcome at scheduling meetings for your travel. Mr. Chmielewski further described Administrator Pruitt's efforts to marginalize your Chief of Staff as he refused to follow some actions you directed, and he described Ms. Hupp and Sarah Greenwalt, your senior counsel, as running the agency.

SCHEDULING MEETINGS ...

EPA STATEMENT: "Our scheduling and public engagement offices lead this process and involve other staff members as needed." – EPA Spokesman

Message

From: Jackson, Ryan [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=38BC8E18791A47D88A279DB2FEC8BD60-JACKSON, RY]
Sent: 4/24/2018 2:18:15 AM
To: Tomassi, Chris (Appropriations) [Chris_Tomassi@appro.senate.gov]
Subject: Re: RE:

If you would like to.

Ryan Jackson
Chief of Staff
U.S. EPA

Ex. 6

On Apr 23, 2018, at 5:34 PM, Tomassi, Chris (Appropriations) <Chris_Tomassi@appro.senate.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Ryan. Just to confirm, I am allowed to share with R members of the Subcommittee?

From: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2018 4:23 PM
To: Tomassi, Chris (Appropriations) <Chris_Tomassi@appro.senate.gov>
Subject:

Chris, I wanted to provide you with information which the R members of your subcommittee may find useful.

Thanks.

Ryan Jackson
Chief of Staff
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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Sent: 4/5/2018 12:24:00 AM
To: toni-marie_higgins@boozman.senate.gov
Subject: RE: Pruitt record
Attachments: Pruitt coverage highlights.docx

One more piece of information.

From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Tuesday, April 3, 2018 3:44 PM
To: 'toni-marie_higgins@boozman.senate.gov' <toni-marie_higgins@boozman.senate.gov>
Subject: Pruitt record

Toni-Marie, as an EPW authorizer and appropriator, I'm sure your boss will receive questions concerning Pruitt. We are trying to keep things on the record over the past year. Happy to answer any questions about anything and hope the attached and following help your office with both.

"In just one year, we have made tremendous progress implementing President Trump's agenda by refocusing the Agency to its core mission, restoring power to the states through cooperative federalism, and adhering to the rule of law," **said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt**. "The American people can now trust that states and stakeholders will be treated as partners, and regulations will provide clarity, not confusion."

The sum of these actions is monumental: In year one, ***EPA finalized 22 deregulatory actions, which could save Americans more than \$1 billion in regulatory costs.***

By the Numbers:

✓ **IMPLEMENTING EXECUTIVE ORDERS (E.O.):** EPA quickly acted on President Donald Trump's E.O. to review the 2015 definition of "Waters of the U.S.," President Trump's Energy Independence E.O. to propose a repeal of the so-called "Clean Power Plan;" and President Trump's "Regulatory Reform" E.O. 13777 by finalizing two deregulatory actions for each regulatory action – with ZERO net costs to the U.S. economy.

✓ **REGULATORY REFORM:** 22 deregulatory actions were finalized, which could save more than \$1 billion in regulatory costs; EPA also initiated work on an additional 44 deregulatory actions and announced the reconsideration of over a dozen overreaching and burdensome regulations.

✓ **OUTREACH:** Administrator Pruitt consulted with 95 bipartisan members of Congress, 34 bipartisan governors, visited 30 states and U.S. territories, and met with over 350 stakeholder groups.

✓ **AIR:** EPA acted on 322 State Implementation Plans (SIPs) and turned one Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) into a SIP each month since March 1, 2017.

✓ WATER: 3,000 Total Maximum Daily Loads were approved and EPA focused on the priority water bodies selected by states. EPA also: cut the amount of time it took to review state water quality standards in half (from 120 days to 60); committed \$25 million in water infrastructure loans; disbursed \$8.9 billion in State Revolving Funds to improve our nation's water quality; and awarded \$100 million to Flint, Michigan for water infrastructure upgrades.

✓ LAND: Seven contaminated sites were eliminated, substantially or entirely, from the National Priorities List (NPL) of contaminated sites; only two sites were removed the previous year. EPA also awarded \$60 million in Brownfields cleanup grants to local communities.

✓ CHEMICALS: 600 new chemical submissions were stuck in the Agency's backlog as of January 2017; EPA cleared the backlog and ensured that all new chemicals coming to market received a safety determination within about 90 days.

✓ ENFORCEMENT: In FY17, \$1.6 billion was collected in administrative and civil judicial penalties, higher than any of the previous ten years, other than FY16, which included one \$5.7 billion action taken. EPA also celebrated an increase in the value of commitments by private parties to clean up land to more than \$1.2 billion, an increase in the total of criminal fines, restitution and mitigation to \$2.98 billion, and an increase in the value of actions to improve compliance to nearly \$20 billion.

For full review click [here](#).

Ryan Jackson
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NATIONAL ...

[HYPERLINK "<http://thefederalist.com/2018/04/04/scott-pruitt-is-trumps-biggest-asset-thats-why-the-left-wants-him-gone/>"]: **Scott Pruitt Is Trump's Biggest Asset. That's Why the Left Wants Him Gone.** "After Donald Trump, the individual in DC with the biggest target on his back is Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt. When he was attorney general of Oklahoma, he sued the EPA more than a dozen times to get the powerful regulatory agency to stay within its legal authority. His nomination was deeply concerning to radical environmentalists inside and outside the media. As a result, he and his team have been under a microscope since even before his confirmation in early 2017. Well-funded environmental groups, many with former EPA staffers, deluge the agency with FOIA requests to catch someone in a scandal. Unlike how they covered Obama-era EPA administrators, media outlets constantly request information about everything Pruitt does, from his schedule to his travel particulars. Whipped-up partisans have made unprecedented numbers of death threats against him and his family. Powerful liberals opine against him."

[HYPERLINK "<https://www.redstate.com/streiff/2018/04/04/people-supposed-conservative-trying-torpedo-scott-pruitt/>"] **Why are people who are supposed to be conservative trying to torpedo Scott Pruitt?** "Pruitt is a guy we should all be lining up to defend. Under Pruitt, the EPA accepted responsibility for the disastrous spill it created at the Gold King mine in Colorado. And he committed substantial resources to the clean-up. He's prioritized the clean-up of Super Fund sites that have lingered for decades. He has taken fire and sword to the onerous regulatory strait jacket the Obama administration tried to impose on the US economy. Pruitt had begun the repeal of Obama's Clean Power Plan coal regs and the Obama-era Clean Power Plan. Under Pruitt, an executive order was issued to rescind the EPA's overreaching Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule that often allowed the EPA to claim jurisdiction over literal mudholes."

[HYPERLINK "<http://thehill.com/opinion/energy-environment/381508-epa-chief-scott-pruitt-gets-results-thats-why-hes-a-target-of-the>"] **EPA Chief Scott Pruitt Gets Results — That's Why He's A Target Of The Left.** "President Donald Trump is standing by his embattled Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt, according to reports. Let's be clear, that is good thing for both Trump and the country. Pruitt is one of the shining stars of the Trump administration, and no one who supports the president's "Make America Great Again" agenda should want him replaced...Yet some hope that by attacking Pruitt on fake ethics charges, the media-created scandal will cause the Trump White House to either foolishly force Pruitt out or cause him to throw up his hands in disgust and resign. This would be a disaster for President Trump and all of us who care about his success."

[HYPERLINK "<https://www.themaven.net/theresurgent/erick-erickson/firing-scott-pruitt-will-only-embolden-the-left-98kPgKgnh06CbfWqAwBc9A/>"] **Firing Scott Pruitt Will Only Embolden the Left.** "Scott Pruitt is being targeted because he is effective. The President needs to stand behind Pruitt. It is an open secret in Washington that a leftwing opposition research firm has hired investigators to dig into Trump Administration officials. It is no coincidence that many of the accusations, like with former Secretary of Health and Human Services Tom Price, involve private air travel and the like. It is what these investigators focus on to give the media easy stories."

[HYPERLINK "<https://www.dailysignal.com/2018/04/04/3-reasons-left-hates-scott-pruitt/>"] **3 Reasons the Left Hates Scott Pruitt.** "From the Clean Power Plan, which was all about Obama's climate agenda and which had nothing to do with creating clean air (we already have laws about that), to the Waters of the United States regulation which could turn a puddle in your front yard into environmentally-protected swamp land—Pruitt has been rolling back many of the regulations put in place by Obama's overzealous, power-grabbing, and arguably unconstitutional EPA."

[HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2018/apr/3/president-trump-should-stand-his-man-epa-scott-pru/?utm_campaign=shareaholic&utm_medium=twitter&utm_source=socialnetwork"]: **President Trump should stand by his man at EPA; Scott Pruitt deserves no less.** "EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt has been the most effective cabinet secretary President Trump has had during his 14-month presidency. He has loyally carried out the president's aggressive

agenda against out-of-control federal regulations that stifle economic growth and kill American jobs. Pruitt has faithfully fulfilled Trump's campaign promises by rolling back Obama-era environmental overreach and halting most new regulations that were in the pipeline when he inherited the bloated agency from his predecessor, Gina McCarthy. Pruitt has spearheaded Trump's agenda with impactful moves like pulling out of the Paris climate accords, reforming CAFE standards and rolling back the obtrusive way the EPA administered the Clean Water Act. As the man willing to attack these sacred cows of the Left Pruitt has been rewarded with legitimate and specific death threats against himself and his family."

[[HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/while-media-fixate-on-scott-pruitts-living-arrangements-his-epa-reforms-are-praiseworthy"](https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/while-media-fixate-on-scott-pruitts-living-arrangements-his-epa-reforms-are-praiseworthy)]: **While media fixate on Scott Pruitt's living arrangements, his EPA reforms are praiseworthy.** "Pruitt's efforts to alleviate the regulatory burden on average Americans while working to restore sound scientific practices within the EPA arguably rank among the Trump administration's most significant policy achievements. EPA officials quoted in the press have said Pruitt's living arrangements did not violate ethics rules. Even if there is no technical violation, appearances matter in Washington. That's especially true for someone who has been remarkably effective up until now in advancing the Trump administration's efforts to free the economy from centralized planning in Washington."

[[HYPERLINK "https://www.dailysignal.com/2018/04/03/ethics-officials-okd-bedroom-rental-epa-chief-says/"](https://www.dailysignal.com/2018/04/03/ethics-officials-okd-bedroom-rental-epa-chief-says/)]: **Exclusive: EPA Chief Scott Pruitt Says Media Reports About Him Don't Tell True Story.** "'We had a memo and a statement from career ethics officials here that have actually reviewed the lease, that actually reviewed comps—comparables of similar units,' Pruitt, the former attorney general of Oklahoma, told The Daily Signal. 'And I think what's missed in this: I didn't rent a unit,' Pruitt said. 'I didn't rent an apartment. This was an Airbnb-type situation where I rented literally one room that was used in a temporary status, until I found more permanent residence.'"

[[HYPERLINK "https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2018/04/04/president-trump-his-corner-scott-pruitts-job-epa-looks-safe-now/485083002/"](https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2018/04/04/president-trump-his-corner-scott-pruitts-job-epa-looks-safe-now/485083002/)] **With President Trump in his corner, Scott Pruitt's job at EPA looks safe – for now.** "'Why go and replace someone who's doing a very good job (carrying out) the president's agenda,' said Jason Miller, a former senior communications adviser to the Trump campaign and transition team. 'It hasn't gone unnoticed that Administrator Pruitt is accomplishing a lot for the president and in a much quicker time period than anyone thought possible.'"

[[HYPERLINK "http://dailycaller.com/2018/04/04/conservative-pundits-rally-to-epas-scott-pruitt-as-dems-call-for-his-head/"](http://dailycaller.com/2018/04/04/conservative-pundits-rally-to-epas-scott-pruitt-as-dems-call-for-his-head/)]: **Conservative Pundits Rally to EPA's Scott Pruitt as Dems Call for His Head.** "Conservative allies have come to the aid of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt as lawmakers, environmental activists and pundits call for his resignation... Wall Street Journal columnist Kimberley Strassel called the wave of anti-Pruitt stories "absurd," pointing out that Obama EPA officials spent more on travel and that agency ethics officials approved of the administrator's temporary living arrangement in the condo."

[[HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/washington-secrets/scott-pruitt-washington-toxic-critics-trying-stop-trump-agenda"](https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/washington-secrets/scott-pruitt-washington-toxic-critics-trying-stop-trump-agenda)]: **Embattled Scott Pruitt Rips 'Toxic' Washington, Says Critics 'Will Resort To Anything' To Stop Trump Agenda.** "EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt on Tuesday forcefully pushed back against criticism that he won a short-term sweetheart rental deal from a lobbyist friend, claiming it's just the latest attempt by his and the president's attackers to 'resort to anything' to stop their agenda. 'There are people that have long in this town done business a different way and this agency has been the poster child of it. And so do I think that because we are leading on this agenda that there are some who want to keep that from happening? Absolutely. And do I think that they will resort to anything to achieve that? Yes,' he said in an interview with Secrets. 'It's toxic here in that regard,' said Pruitt, one of a handful of President's Trump's agency heads who is scoring wins on his pro-jobs, anti-regulatory campaign. Pruitt, speaking confidently about his future, said that critics who have focused on his \$50 a night room rental in an Airbnb-style townhouse and his air travel are really out to stop the administration's anti-regulatory effort that has saved \$8 billion overall and \$1 billion in reduced Environmental Protection Agency regulations."

[HYPERLINK "<https://www.cnn.com/2018/04/03/politics/scott-pruitt-donald-trump-environment-policy/index.html>"] **EPA's Pruitt Fulfilling Trump's Anti-Regulatory Agenda.** "Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt is drawing scrutiny for his housing situation and travel practices, but in his role as the nation's top environmental official, he's a reliable administration foot soldier, making good on President Donald Trump's campaign promises for fewer environmental regulations and to withdraw from the Paris climate agreement. Since he was confirmed to the job last February, Pruitt has taken an aggressive approach to rolling back Obama-era regulations, most recently this week's announcement that he would revise fuel efficiency rules designed to cut back on emissions of greenhouse gases. "This is another step in the President's regulatory agenda, de-regulatory agenda ... a billion dollars in savings with respect to over 22 significant regulatory actions that we've been involved in here at the agency," Pruitt said at EPA headquarters Tuesday."

[HYPERLINK "<https://www.eenews.net/stories/1060078051>"] **Conservatives Rally Behind Pruitt.** "Conservatives are supporting U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt as he struggles with reports of premium travel, high-price security and ties to lobbyists. Myron Ebell, who led President Trump's EPA transition team, told E&E News that Pruitt has been consequential in achieving the president's goals. Pruitt has proposed repealing several Obama-era regulations, winning plaudits from free-market and business groups that have long battled with EPA. "We're getting the word out that Administrator Pruitt is doing a good job in implementing the president's agenda and Administrator Pruitt is a key part of that agenda," Ebell said. "We're trying to keep the free-market groups and the conservative groups together in support of the agenda." Ebell, director of the Competitive Enterprise Institute's Center for Energy and Environment, talked to E&E News on his way to EPA headquarters today to attend Pruitt's announcement of the rollback of Obama-era auto fuel efficiency standards. Ebell declined to speculate whether Pruitt's job is in jeopardy."

[HYPERLINK "<https://hotair.com/archives/2018/04/04/interview-scott-pruitt-talking-regulatory-reform-scandals-rfs-swamp-monsters/>"] **Pruitt talks streamlining the agency, RFS, and "the swamp."** Administrator Pruitt does not admit to being a cryptozoological creature, nor can he confirm that he will be starring as a villain in an upcoming Marvel superhero movie. There's more about the EPA's move to only accept real science rather than secret science in their decision-making process as well as some hints at new regulatory moves on the horizon.



[HYPERLINK "<https://www.npr.org/2018/04/04/599361744/working-with-scott-pruitt>"] **Lawyer David Rivkin worked with Pruitt and talks with NPR's David Greene.**



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Working With Scott Pruitt

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Heard on Morning Edition

Political pressure is building on Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt. Lawyer David Rivkin worked with Pruitt and talks with NPR's David Greene.

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING...

[[HYPERLINK "http://dailytorch.com/2018/04/if-environmental-radicals-are-in-full-panic-mode-over-scott-pruitt-at-epa-that-means-he-is-doing-a-good-job/"](http://dailytorch.com/2018/04/if-environmental-radicals-are-in-full-panic-mode-over-scott-pruitt-at-epa-that-means-he-is-doing-a-good-job/)] **If environmental radicals are in full panic mode over Scott Pruitt at EPA, that means he is doing a good job.** "The left has spent over a decade trying to expand the influence and oversight of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), but the American people voted against this influence when they elected President Trump to prioritize economic advancement. Trump followed through on this promise by appointing Scott Pruitt as EPA Administrator. The left is now trying everything to destroy his position and defame his record, but Pruitt must power through, his job is far too important...Scott Pruitt has done his job, and he has done it well. All the left's continued attacks prove is that it is willing to dismiss facts in favor of pushing an agenda. Pruitt must continue charting the EPA's path toward a balance between environmental concerns and economic development and security, rather than be distracted by the baseless attacks from political opponents, and President Trump needs to stand behind this stalwart of his administration, who is big part of what is needed to make America great again."

[[HYPERLINK "http://www.freedomworks.org/content/freedomworks-foundation-praises-scott-pruitt%E2%80%99s-record-epa"](http://www.freedomworks.org/content/freedomworks-foundation-praises-scott-pruitt%E2%80%99s-record-epa)]: **Continues to support the leadership of Administrator Scott Pruitt.** "Adam Brandon: 'Scott Pruitt has worked hard to return the EPA to its core mission: protecting the environment as directed by Congress; instead of the rogue assault on the rule of law, freedom, and the economy that we saw in the prior administration.' Ken Cuccinelli: 'Unlike his predecessors, EPA Administrator Pruitt has core environmental accomplishments to his credit: like actually making progress on the long-dormant superfund sites and attacking the problem of lead in drinking water. These are basic responsibilities for the EPA, yet they were abject failures prior to Pruitt's arrival.'"

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(1/3) Let me get this straight

The media is attacking EPA Commissioner, Scott Pruitt, because they say he paid too much for certain plane tickets, but too little for renting a room to sleep in?...Also they are attacking him because he pays women as much as men in the same roles

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Their phony, hypocritical attacks ring are pathetic...

The truth is, they despise him because he is rare combination of intellect, competence and fearlessness and their liberal friends feel threatened by him...

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Other than @POTUS, there is arguably no individual in America doing more to cut red tape and instill common sense into the political swamp than @EPAScottPruitt ...

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The job creators in America (and this governor, among others) are grateful to @EPAScottPruitt for his efforts, and look forward to many more years of his bold, transformational leadership at @EPA

Ignore the nattering nabobs of negativism and keep marching...

Onward and upward!

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This Pruitt flap is absurd. Obama EPA officials spent as much or more on travel. And career EPA ethics officials say he paid "reasonable market value" for the condo, and leasor had no business in front of EPA. The press might at least try to pretend it didn't have two standards.

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The media & other resistance leaders biggest target is Scott Pruitt. He's easily the most effective cabinet secretary. Would be huge victory for them, and huge loss for Trump, if they can pressure POTUS here.

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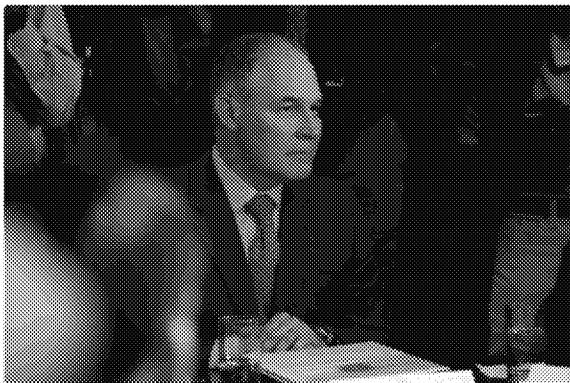


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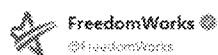


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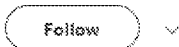
It's no surprise that the media is fixated on Scott Pruitt's living arrangements rather than praising his EPA reforms. #AMPFW



While media fixate on Scott Pruitt's living arrangements, his EPA reforms are ...
President Trump's EPA appears poised to liberate American consumers from
Obama-era vehicle regulations rooted in misguided climate change policies
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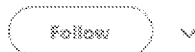
Scott Pruitt and Jeff Sessions are two of my fav cabinet picks Trump made. He really needs to back these guys... They're doing good things.

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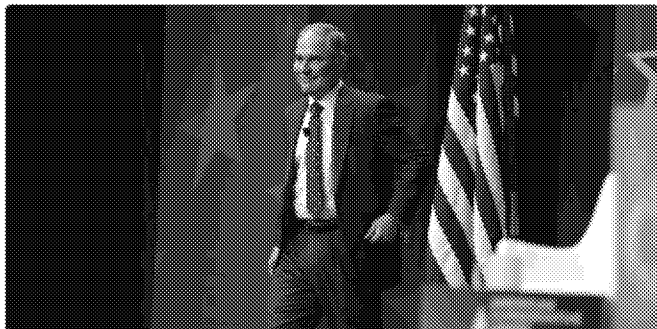


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The media's biggest target after Trump is Scott Pruitt, the president's most effective cabinet secretary. Ousting him would be a huge victory.

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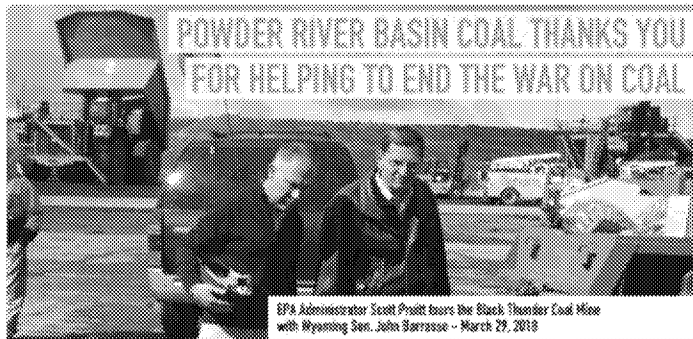


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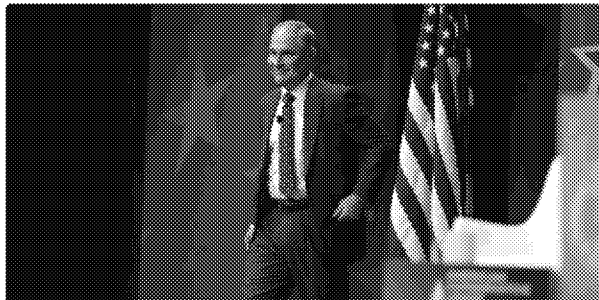
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Arkansas Farm Bureau President Randy Veach talks about a new level of cooperation with @EPA after meeting recently with @EPAScottPruitt and then following up Tuesday with a conversation with ROA Region 6 administrator Anne Idsal. See the video here: [facebook.com/ArkansasFarmBu ...](https://www.facebook.com/ArkansasFarmBureau)

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"Administrator Pruitt has been instrumental in carrying out President Trump's deregulatory agenda at the EPA," Inhofe said in a statement. "I look forward to continuing to work with him to restore the EPA to its proper size and scope."

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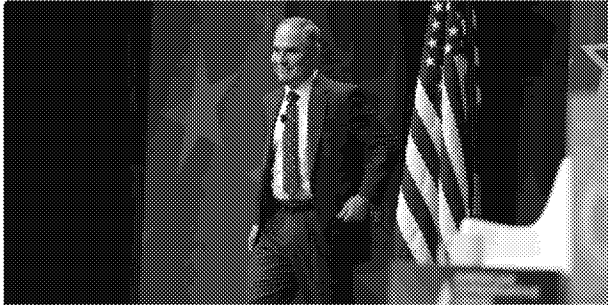


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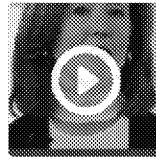
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3 reasons why the left is going bonkers over
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Hint: It's not about his bedroom rental.



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The Daily Signal's Genevieve Wood explains why the left is going after Scott Pruitt.

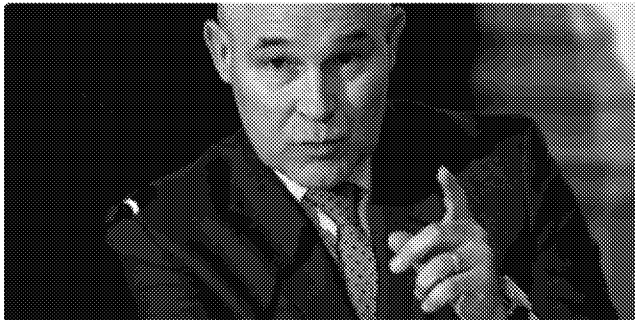
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"This notion that we cannot be about jobs and stewardship of the environment is just simply not right," says @EPAScottPruitt. "We can do both together."

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Sent: 4/10/2018 3:41:08 AM
To: Ari Natter [anatter5@bloomberg.net]
Subject: Re: Can you send me your statement?

I'm sorry. Auto correct at work.

It does make me personally angry that despite evidence to the contrary the Atlantic would purposely print a false exchange about over confidence in their story. They have no regard about printing the truth and are a biased rag.

Ryan Jackson
Chief of Staff
U.S. EPA

Ex. 6

On Apr 9, 2018, at 11:38 PM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

This is what we sent.

"Administrator Pruitt had zero knowledge of the amount of the raises, nor the process by which they transpired. These kind of personnel actions are handled by EPA's HR officials, Presidential Personnel Office and me. Both individuals were to be paid at a level similar to their peers given their responsibilities over the past year. Their original salaries started lower than peers due to previous salary history having moved to the Washington DC area. Any communications claiming otherwise are simply inaccurate. However, pursuant to the Administrator's instruction, the changes in salary have been reversed, and we are submitting any requests for changes in salary through the Presidential Personnel Office for evaluation.

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Thanks man

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Sent: 4/5/2018 12:23:39 AM
To: Barlow Richardson, Michelle (Wicker) [Michelle_Richardson@wicker.senate.gov]
Subject: RE: Pruitt record
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One more piece of information.

From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Tuesday, April 3, 2018 3:40 PM
To: 'Barlow Richardson, Michelle (Wicker)' <Michelle_Richardson@wicker.senate.gov>
Subject: Pruitt record

Michelle, as an EPW authorizer, I'm sure your boss will receive questions concerning Pruitt. We are trying to keep things on the record over the past year. Happy to answer any questions about anything and hope the attached and following help your office with both.

"In just one year, we have made tremendous progress implementing President Trump's agenda by refocusing the Agency to its core mission, restoring power to the states through cooperative federalism, and adhering to the rule of law," **said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt**. "The American people can now trust that states and stakeholders will be treated as partners, and regulations will provide clarity, not confusion."

The sum of these actions is monumental: In year one, ***EPA finalized 22 deregulatory actions, which could save Americans more than \$1 billion in regulatory costs.***

By the Numbers:

✓ **IMPLEMENTING EXECUTIVE ORDERS (E.O.):** EPA quickly acted on President Donald Trump's E.O. to review the 2015 definition of "Waters of the U.S.," President Trump's Energy Independence E.O. to propose a repeal of the so-called "Clean Power Plan;" and President Trump's "Regulatory Reform" E.O. 13777 by finalizing two deregulatory actions for each regulatory action – with ZERO net costs to the U.S. economy.

✓ **REGULATORY REFORM:** 22 deregulatory actions were finalized, which could save more than \$1 billion in regulatory costs; EPA also initiated work on an additional 44 deregulatory actions and announced the reconsideration of over a dozen overreaching and burdensome regulations.

✓ **OUTREACH:** Administrator Pruitt consulted with 95 bipartisan members of Congress, 34 bipartisan governors, visited 30 states and U.S. territories, and met with over 350 stakeholder groups.

✓ **AIR:** EPA acted on 322 State Implementation Plans (SIPs) and turned one Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) into a SIP each month since March 1, 2017.

✓ WATER: 3,000 Total Maximum Daily Loads were approved and EPA focused on the priority water bodies selected by states. EPA also: cut the amount of time it took to review state water quality standards in half (from 120 days to 60); committed \$25 million in water infrastructure loans; disbursed \$8.9 billion in State Revolving Funds to improve our nation's water quality; and awarded \$100 million to Flint, Michigan for water infrastructure upgrades.

✓ LAND: Seven contaminated sites were eliminated, substantially or entirely, from the National Priorities List (NPL) of contaminated sites; only two sites were removed the previous year. EPA also awarded \$60 million in Brownfields cleanup grants to local communities.

✓ CHEMICALS: 600 new chemical submissions were stuck in the Agency's backlog as of January 2017; EPA cleared the backlog and ensured that all new chemicals coming to market received a safety determination within about 90 days.

✓ ENFORCEMENT: In FY17, \$1.6 billion was collected in administrative and civil judicial penalties, higher than any of the previous ten years, other than FY16, which included one \$5.7 billion action taken. EPA also celebrated an increase in the value of commitments by private parties to clean up land to more than \$1.2 billion, an increase in the total of criminal fines, restitution and mitigation to \$2.98 billion, and an increase in the value of actions to improve compliance to nearly \$20 billion.

For full review click [here](#).

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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[HYPERLINK "<http://thefederalist.com/2018/04/04/scott-pruitt-is-trumps-biggest-asset-thats-why-the-left-wants-him-gone/>"]: **Scott Pruitt Is Trump's Biggest Asset. That's Why the Left Wants Him Gone.** "After Donald Trump, the individual in DC with the biggest target on his back is Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt. When he was attorney general of Oklahoma, he sued the EPA more than a dozen times to get the powerful regulatory agency to stay within its legal authority. His nomination was deeply concerning to radical environmentalists inside and outside the media. As a result, he and his team have been under a microscope since even before his confirmation in early 2017. Well-funded environmental groups, many with former EPA staffers, deluge the agency with FOIA requests to catch someone in a scandal. Unlike how they covered Obama-era EPA administrators, media outlets constantly request information about everything Pruitt does, from his schedule to his travel particulars. Whipped-up partisans have made unprecedented numbers of death threats against him and his family. Powerful liberals opine against him."

[HYPERLINK "<https://www.redstate.com/streiff/2018/04/04/people-supposed-conservative-trying-torpedo-scott-pruitt/>"] **Why are people who are supposed to be conservative trying to torpedo Scott Pruitt?** "Pruitt is a guy we should all be lining up to defend. Under Pruitt, the EPA accepted responsibility for the disastrous spill it created at the Gold King mine in Colorado. And he committed substantial resources to the clean-up. He's prioritized the clean-up of Super Fund sites that have lingered for decades. He has taken fire and sword to the onerous regulatory strait jacket the Obama administration tried to impose on the US economy. Pruitt had begun the repeal of Obama's Clean Power Plan coal regs and the Obama-era Clean Power Plan. Under Pruitt, an executive order was issued to rescind the EPA's overreaching Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule that often allowed the EPA to claim jurisdiction over literal mudholes."

[HYPERLINK "<http://thehill.com/opinion/energy-environment/381508-epa-chief-scott-pruitt-gets-results-thats-why-hes-a-target-of-the>"] **EPA Chief Scott Pruitt Gets Results — That's Why He's A Target Of The Left.** "President Donald Trump is standing by his embattled Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt, according to reports. Let's be clear, that is good thing for both Trump and the country. Pruitt is one of the shining stars of the Trump administration, and no one who supports the president's "Make America Great Again" agenda should want him replaced...Yet some hope that by attacking Pruitt on fake ethics charges, the media-created scandal will cause the Trump White House to either foolishly force Pruitt out or cause him to throw up his hands in disgust and resign. This would be a disaster for President Trump and all of us who care about his success."

[HYPERLINK "<https://www.themaven.net/theresurgent/erick-erickson/firing-scott-pruitt-will-only-embolden-the-left-98kPgKgnh06CbfWqAwBc9A/>"] **Firing Scott Pruitt Will Only Embolden the Left.** "Scott Pruitt is being targeted because he is effective. The President needs to stand behind Pruitt. It is an open secret in Washington that a leftwing opposition research firm has hired investigators to dig into Trump Administration officials. It is no coincidence that many of the accusations, like with former Secretary of Health and Human Services Tom Price, involve private air travel and the like. It is what these investigators focus on to give the media easy stories."

[HYPERLINK "<https://www.dailysignal.com/2018/04/04/3-reasons-left-hates-scott-pruitt/>"] **3 Reasons the Left Hates Scott Pruitt.** "From the Clean Power Plan, which was all about Obama's climate agenda and which had nothing to do with creating clean air (we already have laws about that), to the Waters of the United States regulation which could turn a puddle in your front yard into environmentally-protected swamp land—Pruitt has been rolling back many of the regulations put in place by Obama's overzealous, power-grabbing, and arguably unconstitutional EPA."

[HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2018/apr/3/president-trump-should-stand-his-man-epa-scott-pru/?utm_campaign=shareaholic&utm_medium=twitter&utm_source=socialnetwork"]: **President Trump should stand by his man at EPA; Scott Pruitt deserves no less.** "EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt has been the most effective cabinet secretary President Trump has had during his 14-month presidency. He has loyally carried out the president's aggressive

agenda against out-of-control federal regulations that stifle economic growth and kill American jobs. Pruitt has faithfully fulfilled Trump's campaign promises by rolling back Obama-era environmental overreach and halting most new regulations that were in the pipeline when he inherited the bloated agency from his predecessor, Gina McCarthy. Pruitt has spearheaded Trump's agenda with impactful moves like pulling out of the Paris climate accords, reforming CAFE standards and rolling back the obtrusive way the EPA administered the Clean Water Act. As the man willing to attack these sacred cows of the Left Pruitt has been rewarded with legitimate and specific death threats against himself and his family."

[[HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/while-media-fixate-on-scott-pruitts-living-arrangements-his-epa-reforms-are-praiseworthy"](https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/while-media-fixate-on-scott-pruitts-living-arrangements-his-epa-reforms-are-praiseworthy)]: **While media fixate on Scott Pruitt's living arrangements, his EPA reforms are praiseworthy.** "Pruitt's efforts to alleviate the regulatory burden on average Americans while working to restore sound scientific practices within the EPA arguably rank among the Trump administration's most significant policy achievements. EPA officials quoted in the press have said Pruitt's living arrangements did not violate ethics rules. Even if there is no technical violation, appearances matter in Washington. That's especially true for someone who has been remarkably effective up until now in advancing the Trump administration's efforts to free the economy from centralized planning in Washington."

[[HYPERLINK "https://www.dailysignal.com/2018/04/03/ethics-officials-okd-bedroom-rental-epa-chief-says/"](https://www.dailysignal.com/2018/04/03/ethics-officials-okd-bedroom-rental-epa-chief-says/)]: **Exclusive: EPA Chief Scott Pruitt Says Media Reports About Him Don't Tell True Story.** "'We had a memo and a statement from career ethics officials here that have actually reviewed the lease, that actually reviewed comps—comparables of similar units,' Pruitt, the former attorney general of Oklahoma, told The Daily Signal. 'And I think what's missed in this: I didn't rent a unit,' Pruitt said. 'I didn't rent an apartment. This was an Airbnb-type situation where I rented literally one room that was used in a temporary status, until I found more permanent residence.'"

[[HYPERLINK "https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2018/04/04/president-trump-his-corner-scott-pruitts-job-epa-looks-safe-now/485083002/"](https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2018/04/04/president-trump-his-corner-scott-pruitts-job-epa-looks-safe-now/485083002/)] **With President Trump in his corner, Scott Pruitt's job at EPA looks safe – for now.** "'Why go and replace someone who's doing a very good job (carrying out) the president's agenda,' said Jason Miller, a former senior communications adviser to the Trump campaign and transition team. 'It hasn't gone unnoticed that Administrator Pruitt is accomplishing a lot for the president and in a much quicker time period than anyone thought possible.'"

[[HYPERLINK "http://dailycaller.com/2018/04/04/conservative-pundits-rally-to-epas-scott-pruitt-as-dems-call-for-his-head/"](http://dailycaller.com/2018/04/04/conservative-pundits-rally-to-epas-scott-pruitt-as-dems-call-for-his-head/)]: **Conservative Pundits Rally to EPA's Scott Pruitt as Dems Call for His Head.** "Conservative allies have come to the aid of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt as lawmakers, environmental activists and pundits call for his resignation... Wall Street Journal columnist Kimberley Strassel called the wave of anti-Pruitt stories "absurd," pointing out that Obama EPA officials spent more on travel and that agency ethics officials approved of the administrator's temporary living arrangement in the condo."

[[HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/washington-secrets/scott-pruitt-washington-toxic-critics-trying-stop-trump-agenda"](https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/washington-secrets/scott-pruitt-washington-toxic-critics-trying-stop-trump-agenda)]: **Embattled Scott Pruitt Rips 'Toxic' Washington, Says Critics 'Will Resort To Anything' To Stop Trump Agenda.** "EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt on Tuesday forcefully pushed back against criticism that he won a short-term sweetheart rental deal from a lobbyist friend, claiming it's just the latest attempt by his and the president's attackers to 'resort to anything' to stop their agenda. 'There are people that have long in this town done business a different way and this agency has been the poster child of it. And so do I think that because we are leading on this agenda that there are some who want to keep that from happening? Absolutely. And do I think that they will resort to anything to achieve that? Yes,' he said in an interview with Secrets. 'It's toxic here in that regard,' said Pruitt, one of a handful of President's Trump's agency heads who is scoring wins on his pro-jobs, anti-regulatory campaign. Pruitt, speaking confidently about his future, said that critics who have focused on his \$50 a night room rental in an Airbnb-style townhouse and his air travel are really out to stop the administration's anti-regulatory effort that has saved \$8 billion overall and \$1 billion in reduced Environmental Protection Agency regulations."

[HYPERLINK "<https://www.cnn.com/2018/04/03/politics/scott-pruitt-donald-trump-environment-policy/index.html>"] **EPA's Pruitt Fulfilling Trump's Anti-Regulatory Agenda.** "Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt is drawing scrutiny for his housing situation and travel practices, but in his role as the nation's top environmental official, he's a reliable administration foot soldier, making good on President Donald Trump's campaign promises for fewer environmental regulations and to withdraw from the Paris climate agreement. Since he was confirmed to the job last February, Pruitt has taken an aggressive approach to rolling back Obama-era regulations, most recently this week's announcement that he would revise fuel efficiency rules designed to cut back on emissions of greenhouse gases. "This is another step in the President's regulatory agenda, de-regulatory agenda ... a billion dollars in savings with respect to over 22 significant regulatory actions that we've been involved in here at the agency," Pruitt said at EPA headquarters Tuesday."

[HYPERLINK "<https://www.eenews.net/stories/1060078051>"] **Conservatives Rally Behind Pruitt.** "Conservatives are supporting U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt as he struggles with reports of premium travel, high-price security and ties to lobbyists. Myron Ebell, who led President Trump's EPA transition team, told E&E News that Pruitt has been consequential in achieving the president's goals. Pruitt has proposed repealing several Obama-era regulations, winning plaudits from free-market and business groups that have long battled with EPA. "We're getting the word out that Administrator Pruitt is doing a good job in implementing the president's agenda and Administrator Pruitt is a key part of that agenda," Ebell said. "We're trying to keep the free-market groups and the conservative groups together in support of the agenda." Ebell, director of the Competitive Enterprise Institute's Center for Energy and Environment, talked to E&E News on his way to EPA headquarters today to attend Pruitt's announcement of the rollback of Obama-era auto fuel efficiency standards. Ebell declined to speculate whether Pruitt's job is in jeopardy."

[HYPERLINK "<https://hotair.com/archives/2018/04/04/interview-scott-pruitt-talking-regulatory-reform-scandals-rfs-swamp-monsters/>"] **Pruitt talks streamlining the agency, RFS, and "the swamp."** Administrator Pruitt does not admit to being a cryptozoological creature, nor can he confirm that he will be starring as a villain in an upcoming Marvel superhero movie. There's more about the EPA's move to only accept real science rather than secret science in their decision-making process as well as some hints at new regulatory moves on the horizon.



[HYPERLINK "<https://www.npr.org/2018/04/04/599361744/working-with-scott-pruitt>"] **Lawyer David Rivkin worked with Pruitt and talks with NPR's David Greene.**



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Political pressure is building on Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt. Lawyer David Rivkin worked with Pruitt and talks with NPR's David Greene.

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING...

[HYPERLINK "<http://dailymirror.com/2018/04/if-environmental-radicals-are-in-full-panic-mode-over-scott-pruitt-at-epa-that-means-he-is-doing-a-good-job/>"] **If environmental radicals are in full panic mode over Scott Pruitt at EPA, that means he is doing a good job.** "The left has spent over a decade trying to expand the influence and oversight of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), but the American people voted against this influence when they elected President Trump to prioritize economic advancement. Trump followed through on this promise by appointing Scott Pruitt as EPA Administrator. The left is now trying everything to destroy his position and defame his record, but Pruitt must power through, his job is far too important...Scott Pruitt has done his job, and he has done it well. All the left's continued attacks prove is that it is willing to dismiss facts in favor of pushing an agenda. Pruitt must continue charting the EPA's path toward a balance between environmental concerns and economic development and security, rather than be distracted by the baseless attacks from political opponents, and President Trump needs to stand behind this stalwart of his administration, who is big part of what is needed to make America great again."

[HYPERLINK "<http://www.freedomworks.org/content/freedomworks-foundation-praises-scott-pruitt%E2%80%99s-record-epa>"]: **Continues to support the leadership of Administrator Scott Pruitt.** "Adam Brandon: 'Scott Pruitt has worked hard to return the EPA to its core mission: protecting the environment as directed by Congress; instead of the rogue assault on the rule of law, freedom, and the economy that we saw in the prior administration.' Ken Cuccinelli: 'Unlike his predecessors, EPA Administrator Pruitt has core environmental accomplishments to his credit: like actually making progress on the long-dormant superfund sites and attacking the problem of lead in drinking water. These are basic responsibilities for the EPA, yet they were abject failures prior to Pruitt's arrival.'"

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The media is attacking EPA Commissioner, Scott Pruitt, because they say he paid too much for certain plane tickets, but too little for renting a room to sleep in?...Also they are attacking him because he pays women as much as men in the same roles

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Their phony, hypocritical attacks ring are pathetic...

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The job creators in America (and this governor, among others) are grateful to @EPAScottPruitt for his efforts, and look forward to many more years of his bold, transformational leadership at @EPA

Ignore the nattering nabobs of negativism and keep marching...

Onward and upward!

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This Pruitt flap is absurd. Obama EPA officials spent as much or more on travel. And career EPA ethics officials say he paid "reasonable market value" for the condo, and leasor had no business in front of EPA. The press might at least try to pretend it didn't have two standards.

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The media & other resistance leaders biggest target is Scott Pruitt. He's easily the most effective cabinet secretary. Would be huge victory for them, and huge loss for Trump, if they can pressure POTUS here.

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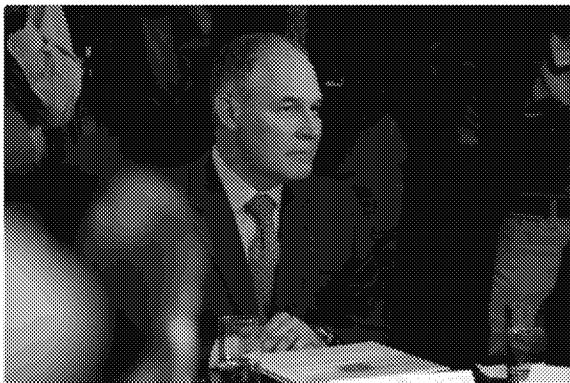


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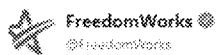


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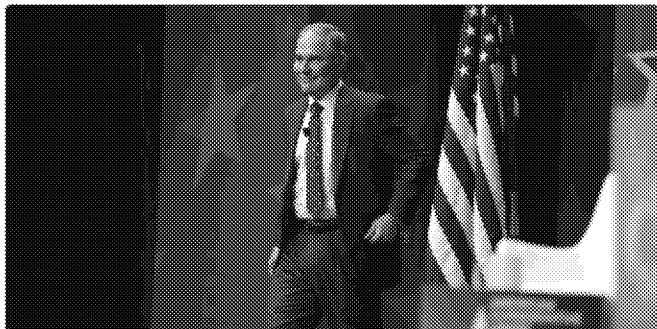


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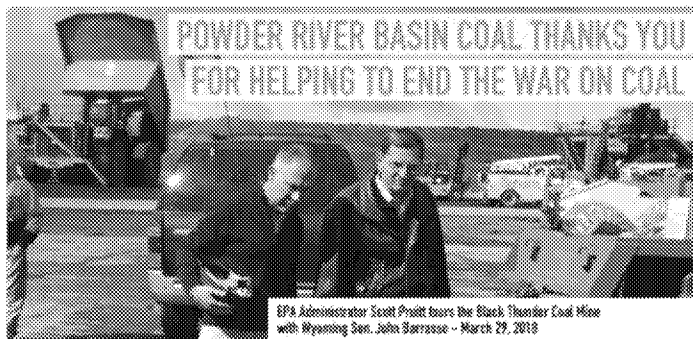


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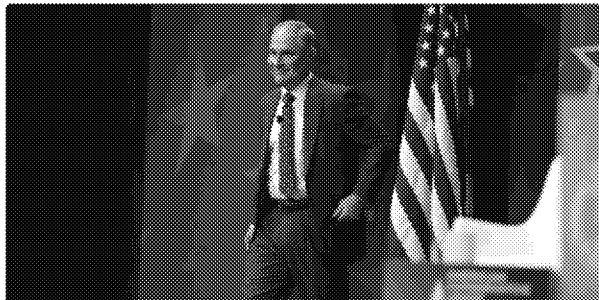
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Arkansas Farm Bureau Ppresident Randy Veach talks about a new level of cooperation with @EPA after meeting recently with @EPAScottPruitt and then following up Tuesday with a conversation with ROA Region 6 administrator Anne Idsal. See the video here: [facebook.com/ArkansasFarmBu ...](https://www.facebook.com/ArkansasFarmBureau)

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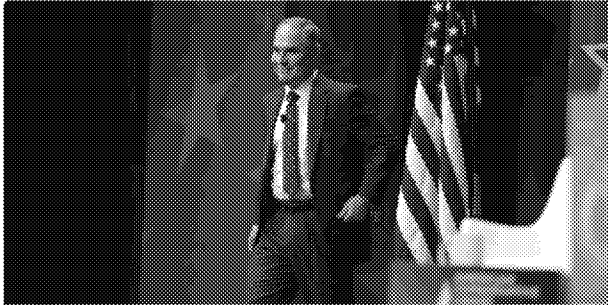


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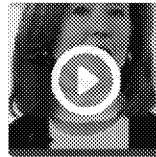
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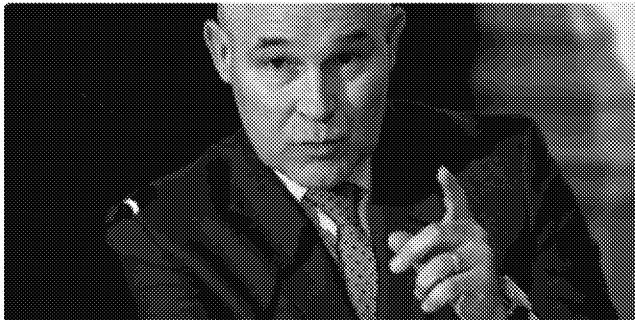
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Subject: Pruitt record
Attachments: Reg Reform Accomplishments 03.16.2018.docx; Evaluation of Lease Agreement2018-03-30-152600.pdf

Gregg and Mandy, as an EPW authorizer, I'm sure your boss will receive questions concerning Pruitt. We are trying to keep things on the record over the past year. Happy to answer any questions about anything and hope the attached and following help your office with both.

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Updated March 16, 2018

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Sent: 4/10/2018 9:51:04 PM
To: Ari Natter [anatter5@bloomberg.net]
Subject: RE: Can you send me your statement?

We are sending this out shortly

EPA STATEMENT: “We do not comment on personnel matters. The action today was based on a recommendation by the Office of Administration and Resources Management. I am not aware of any connection between the personnel matter and the document mentioned in media report.”

– Donna Vizian, EPA Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator

From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 5:45 PM
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Night, morning, all the time....

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Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 5:43 PM
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And I appreciate your help. Can we do a phone call sometime? I take it you are a night owl?

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From: Ryan Jackson <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
To: ARI NATTER
At: 10-Apr-2018 17:41:43

I doubt it, but I appreciate the invitation.

From: Ari Natter (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) [<mailto:anatter5@bloomberg.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 5:40 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
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Thanks. Can you make it to our bureau party this evening?

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At: 10-Apr-2018 17:35:55

The answer to your question is that there's not a connection. Frankly this is extremely coincidental. EPA is issuing a new statement shortly.

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OFFICE OF
GENERAL COUNSEL

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Review of Lease Agreement Under the Federal Ethics Regulations Regarding Gifts

FROM: Kevin S. Minoli *KS*
Designated Agency Ethics Official &
Principal Deputy General Counsel

TO: Matthew Z. Leopold
General Counsel

As requested, the Ethics Office reviewed the lease agreement entered into by E. Scott Pruitt (TENANT) and Vicki Hart (LANDLORD) under the federal ethics regulations regarding gifts. The regulations issued by the Office of Government Ethics are clear that if a federal employee pays market value for something, it is by definition not a gift under those regulations. 5 C.F.R. 2635.203(b)(10)(excluding from the definition of gift "[a]nything for which market value is paid by the employee"). Market value for rental apartments is commonly thought of in terms of rental cost per month. Under the terms of the lease, if the space was utilized for one 30-day month, then the rental cost would be \$1500, which is a reasonable market value. The lease authorized use by the Administrator and his immediate family, specifically including his spouse and children, and consistent with that provision of the lease his immediate family did stay there when they were in Washington, DC. The lease did not require payment when the property was not utilized. Neither of these two provisions render the rental cost under the lease as something other than market value. Therefore, entering into the lease was consistent with federal ethics regulations regarding gifts, and use of the property in accordance with the lease agreement did not constitute a gift as defined in those regulations.

Internal/Deliberative Process
EPA REGULATORY REFORM UNDER ADMINISTRATOR PRUITT'S LEADERSHIP
Updated March 16, 2018

OVERVIEW:

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KEY DEREGULATORY ACTIONS:

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[HYPERLINK "<https://www.redstate.com/streiff/2018/04/04/people-supposed-conservative-trying-torpedo-scott-pruitt/>"] **Why are people who are supposed to be conservative trying to torpedo Scott Pruitt?** "Pruitt is a guy we should all be lining up to defend. Under Pruitt, the EPA accepted responsibility for the disastrous spill it created at the Gold King mine in Colorado. And he committed substantial resources to the clean-up. He's prioritized the clean-up of Super Fund sites that have lingered for decades. He has taken fire and sword to the onerous regulatory strait jacket the Obama administration tried to impose on the US economy. Pruitt had begun the repeal of Obama's Clean Power Plan coal regs and the Obama-era Clean Power Plan. Under Pruitt, an executive order was issued to rescind the EPA's overreaching Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule that often allowed the EPA to claim jurisdiction over literal mudholes."

[HYPERLINK "<http://thehill.com/opinion/energy-environment/381508-epa-chief-scott-pruitt-gets-results-thats-why-hes-a-target-of-the>"] **EPA Chief Scott Pruitt Gets Results — That's Why He's A Target Of The Left.** "President Donald Trump is standing by his embattled Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt, according to reports. Let's be clear, that is good thing for both Trump and the country. Pruitt is one of the shining stars of the Trump administration, and no one who supports the president's "Make America Great Again" agenda should want him replaced...Yet some hope that by attacking Pruitt on fake ethics charges, the media-created scandal will cause the Trump White House to either foolishly force Pruitt out or cause him to throw up his hands in disgust and resign. This would be a disaster for President Trump and all of us who care about his success."

[HYPERLINK "<https://www.themaven.net/theresurgent/erick-erickson/firing-scott-pruitt-will-only-embolden-the-left-98kPgKgnh06CbfWqAwBc9A/>"] **Firing Scott Pruitt Will Only Embolden the Left.** "Scott Pruitt is being targeted because he is effective. The President needs to stand behind Pruitt. It is an open secret in Washington that a leftwing opposition research firm has hired investigators to dig into Trump Administration officials. It is no coincidence that many of the accusations, like with former Secretary of Health and Human Services Tom Price, involve private air travel and the like. It is what these investigators focus on to give the media easy stories."

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[HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2018/apr/3/president-trump-should-stand-his-man-epa-scott-pru/?utm_campaign=shareaholic&utm_medium=twitter&utm_source=socialnetwork"]: **President Trump should stand by his man at EPA; Scott Pruitt deserves no less.** "EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt has been the most effective cabinet secretary President Trump has had during his 14-month presidency. He has loyally carried out the president's aggressive

agenda against out-of-control federal regulations that stifle economic growth and kill American jobs. Pruitt has faithfully fulfilled Trump's campaign promises by rolling back Obama-era environmental overreach and halting most new regulations that were in the pipeline when he inherited the bloated agency from his predecessor, Gina McCarthy. Pruitt has spearheaded Trump's agenda with impactful moves like pulling out of the Paris climate accords, reforming CAFE standards and rolling back the obtrusive way the EPA administered the Clean Water Act. As the man willing to attack these sacred cows of the Left Pruitt has been rewarded with legitimate and specific death threats against himself and his family."

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[[HYPERLINK "https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2018/04/04/president-trump-his-corner-scott-pruitts-job-epa-looks-safe-now/485083002/"](https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2018/04/04/president-trump-his-corner-scott-pruitts-job-epa-looks-safe-now/485083002/)] **With President Trump in his corner, Scott Pruitt's job at EPA looks safe – for now.** "'Why go and replace someone who's doing a very good job (carrying out) the president's agenda,' said Jason Miller, a former senior communications adviser to the Trump campaign and transition team. 'It hasn't gone unnoticed that Administrator Pruitt is accomplishing a lot for the president and in a much quicker time period than anyone thought possible.'"

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[[HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/washington-secrets/scott-pruitt-washington-toxic-critics-trying-stop-trump-agenda"](https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/washington-secrets/scott-pruitt-washington-toxic-critics-trying-stop-trump-agenda)]: **Embattled Scott Pruitt Rips 'Toxic' Washington, Says Critics 'Will Resort To Anything' To Stop Trump Agenda.** "EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt on Tuesday forcefully pushed back against criticism that he won a short-term sweetheart rental deal from a lobbyist friend, claiming it's just the latest attempt by his and the president's attackers to 'resort to anything' to stop their agenda. 'There are people that have long in this town done business a different way and this agency has been the poster child of it. And so do I think that because we are leading on this agenda that there are some who want to keep that from happening? Absolutely. And do I think that they will resort to anything to achieve that? Yes,' he said in an interview with Secrets. 'It's toxic here in that regard,' said Pruitt, one of a handful of President's Trump's agency heads who is scoring wins on his pro-jobs, anti-regulatory campaign. Pruitt, speaking confidently about his future, said that critics who have focused on his \$50 a night room rental in an Airbnb-style townhouse and his air travel are really out to stop the administration's anti-regulatory effort that has saved \$8 billion overall and \$1 billion in reduced Environmental Protection Agency regulations."

[HYPERLINK "<https://www.cnn.com/2018/04/03/politics/scott-pruitt-donald-trump-environment-policy/index.html>"] **EPA's Pruitt Fulfilling Trump's Anti-Regulatory Agenda.** "Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt is drawing scrutiny for his housing situation and travel practices, but in his role as the nation's top environmental official, he's a reliable administration foot soldier, making good on President Donald Trump's campaign promises for fewer environmental regulations and to withdraw from the Paris climate agreement. Since he was confirmed to the job last February, Pruitt has taken an aggressive approach to rolling back Obama-era regulations, most recently this week's announcement that he would revise fuel efficiency rules designed to cut back on emissions of greenhouse gases. "This is another step in the President's regulatory agenda, de-regulatory agenda ... a billion dollars in savings with respect to over 22 significant regulatory actions that we've been involved in here at the agency," Pruitt said at EPA headquarters Tuesday."

[HYPERLINK "<https://www.eenews.net/stories/1060078051>"] **Conservatives Rally Behind Pruitt.** "Conservatives are supporting U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt as he struggles with reports of premium travel, high-price security and ties to lobbyists. Myron Ebell, who led President Trump's EPA transition team, told E&E News that Pruitt has been consequential in achieving the president's goals. Pruitt has proposed repealing several Obama-era regulations, winning plaudits from free-market and business groups that have long battled with EPA. "We're getting the word out that Administrator Pruitt is doing a good job in implementing the president's agenda and Administrator Pruitt is a key part of that agenda," Ebell said. "We're trying to keep the free-market groups and the conservative groups together in support of the agenda." Ebell, director of the Competitive Enterprise Institute's Center for Energy and Environment, talked to E&E News on his way to EPA headquarters today to attend Pruitt's announcement of the rollback of Obama-era auto fuel efficiency standards. Ebell declined to speculate whether Pruitt's job is in jeopardy."

[HYPERLINK "<https://hotair.com/archives/2018/04/04/interview-scott-pruitt-talking-regulatory-reform-scandals-rfs-swamp-monsters/>"] **Pruitt talks streamlining the agency, RFS, and "the swamp."** Administrator Pruitt does not admit to being a cryptozoological creature, nor can he confirm that he will be starring as a villain in an upcoming Marvel superhero movie. There's more about the EPA's move to only accept real science rather than secret science in their decision-making process as well as some hints at new regulatory moves on the horizon.



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WHAT THEY ARE SAYING...

[HYPERLINK "<http://dailytorch.com/2018/04/if-environmental-radicals-are-in-full-panic-mode-over-scott-pruitt-at-epa-that-means-he-is-doing-a-good-job/>"] **If environmental radicals are in full panic mode over Scott Pruitt at EPA, that means he is doing a good job.** "The left has spent over a decade trying to expand the influence and oversight of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), but the American people voted against this influence when they elected President Trump to prioritize economic advancement. Trump followed through on this promise by appointing Scott Pruitt as EPA Administrator. The left is now trying everything to destroy his position and defame his record, but Pruitt must power through, his job is far too important...Scott Pruitt has done his job, and he has done it well. All the left's continued attacks prove is that it is willing to dismiss facts in favor of pushing an agenda. Pruitt must continue charting the EPA's path toward a balance between environmental concerns and economic development and security, rather than be distracted by the baseless attacks from political opponents, and President Trump needs to stand behind this stalwart of his administration, who is big part of what is needed to make America great again."

[HYPERLINK "<http://www.freedomworks.org/content/freedomworks-foundation-praises-scott-pruitt%E2%80%99s-record-epa>"]: **Continues to support the leadership of Administrator Scott Pruitt.** "Adam Brandon: 'Scott Pruitt has worked hard to return the EPA to its core mission: protecting the environment as directed by Congress; instead of the rogue assault on the rule of law, freedom, and the economy that we saw in the prior administration.' Ken Cuccinelli: 'Unlike his predecessors, EPA Administrator Pruitt has core environmental accomplishments to his credit: like actually making progress on the long-dormant superfund sites and attacking the problem of lead in drinking water. These are basic responsibilities for the EPA, yet they were abject failures prior to Pruitt's arrival.'"

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(1/3) Let me get this straight

The media is attacking EPA Commissioner, Scott Pruitt, because they say he paid too much for certain plane tickets, but too little for renting a room to sleep in?...Also they are attacking him because he pays women as much as men in the same roles

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Their phony, hypocritical attacks ring are pathetic...

The truth is, they despise him because he is rare combination of intellect, competence and fearlessness and their liberal friends feel threatened by him...

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Other than @POTUS, there is arguably no individual in America doing more to cut red tape and instill common sense into the political swamp than @EPAScottPruitt ...

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The job creators in America (and this governor, among others) are grateful to @EPAScottPruitt for his efforts, and look forward to many more years of his bold, transformational leadership at @EPA

Ignore the nattering nabobs of negativism and keep marching...

Onward and upward!

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This Pruitt flap is absurd. Obama EPA officials spent as much or more on travel. And career EPA ethics officials say he paid "reasonable market value" for the condo, and leasor had no business in front of EPA. The press might at least try to pretend it didn't have two standards.

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The media & other resistance leaders biggest target is Scott Pruitt. He's easily the most effective cabinet secretary. Would be huge victory for them, and huge loss for Trump, if they can pressure POTUS here.

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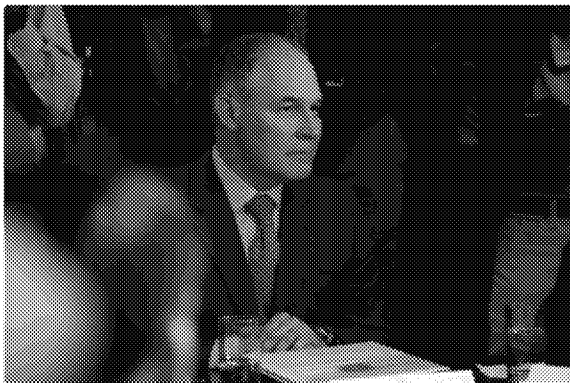


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@EWErickson

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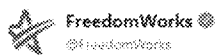


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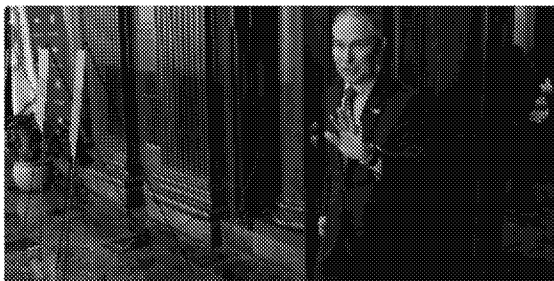


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It's no surprise that the media is fixated on Scott Pruitt's living arrangements rather than praising his EPA reforms. #AMPFW



While media fixate on Scott Pruitt's living arrangements, his EPA reforms are ...
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Scott Pruitt and Jeff Sessions are two of my fav cabinet picks Trump made. He really needs to back these guys... They're doing good things.

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Thanks @EPAScottPruitt for advancing 22 deregulatory actions saving \$1 billion for #America helping #counties #Transportation champion of #WaterRights @NACoTweets @myokacco

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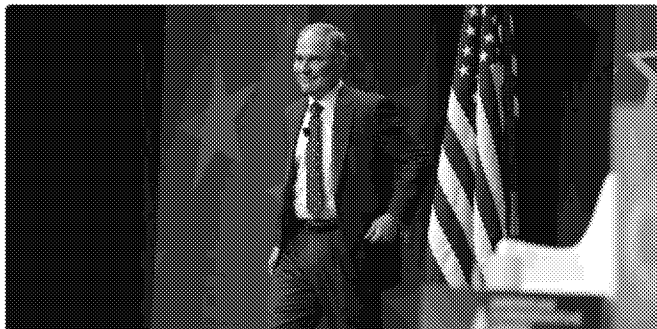


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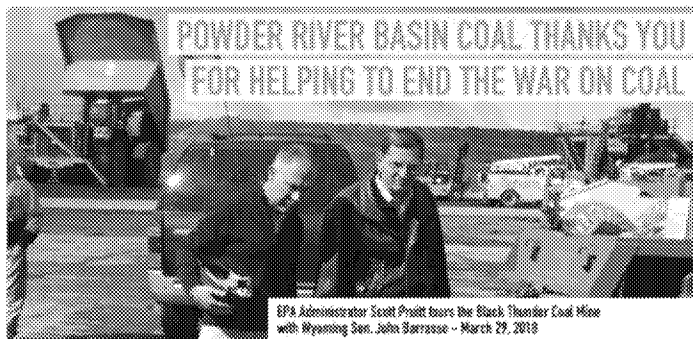


Count on Coal
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Thank you to @EPAScottPruitt and
@WhiteHouse for helping to end the war on
coal -- affordable & reliable coal powers the
nation! #countoncoal



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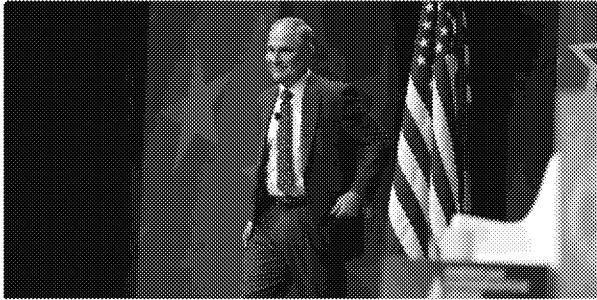
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These liars cannot be allowed to win.

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Arkansas Farm Bureau Ppresident Randy Veach talks about a new level of cooperation with @EPA after meeting recently with @EPAScottPruitt and then following up Tuesday with a conversation with ROA Region 6 administrator Anne Idsal. See the video here: [facebook.com/ArkansasFarmBu ...](https://www.facebook.com/ArkansasFarmBureau)

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"Administrator Pruitt has been instrumental in carrying out President Trump's deregulatory agenda at the EPA," Inhofe said in a statement. "I look forward to continuing to work with him to restore the EPA to its proper size and scope."

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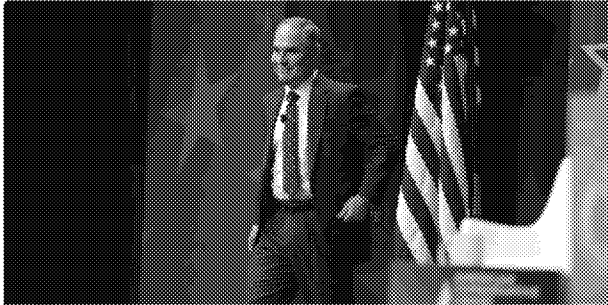


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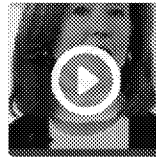
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3 reasons why the left is going bonkers over
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Hint: It's not about his bedroom rental.



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The Daily Signal's Genevieve Wood explains why the left is going after Scott Pruitt.

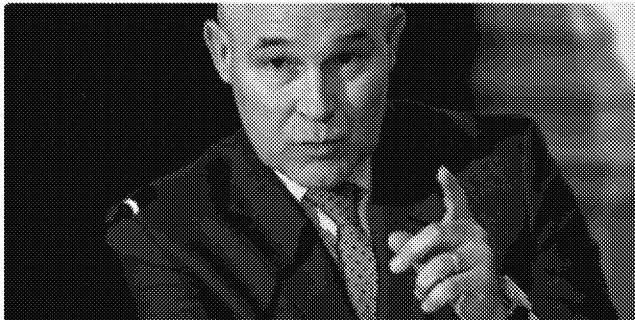
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"This notion that we cannot be about jobs and stewardship of the environment is just simply not right," says @EPAScottPruitt. "We can do both together."

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Sent: 4/10/2018 5:43:51 PM
To: Coral Davenport [coral.davenport@nytimes.com]
Subject: RE: Checking back in

I'm unsure what to say more than simply that Andy has been a good friend for over 20 years, and I could not be more pleased to see the support for him among Senators. I'm looking forward to his confirmation vote and having the opportunity to work with him on a daily basis again.

From: Coral Davenport [mailto:coral.davenport@nytimes.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 11:52 AM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: Checking back in

Hi, Ryan,
I know you've got a ton going on, but might you have a moment to chat about Andy Wheeler? Writing about him ahead of his Senate confirmation.
Cheers,
Coral

Ex. 6

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On Apr 9, 2018, at 10:57 AM, Davenport, Coral <coral.davenport@nytimes.com> wrote:

Hi, Ryan,
Working on a preview of Andy Wheeler's expected confirmation. Might you have a moment to chat about him?
Thanks so much,
Coral

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Sent: 4/3/2018 5:32:14 PM
To: dave.kennett@mail.house.gov
Subject: Pruitt record
Attachments: Reg Reform Accomplishments 03.16.2018.docx; Evaluation of Lease Agreement2018-03-30-152600.pdf

Dave, just to follow up on our conversation, attached is information on the EPA record over the past year.

"In just one year, we have made tremendous progress implementing President Trump's agenda by refocusing the Agency to its core mission, restoring power to the states through cooperative federalism, and adhering to the rule of law," **said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt**. "The American people can now trust that states and stakeholders will be treated as partners, and regulations will provide clarity, not confusion."

The sum of these actions is monumental: In year one, ***EPA finalized 22 deregulatory actions, which could save Americans more than \$1 billion in regulatory costs.***

By the Numbers:

✓ **IMPLEMENTING EXECUTIVE ORDERS (E.O.):** EPA quickly acted on President Donald Trump's E.O. to review the 2015 definition of "Waters of the U.S.," President Trump's Energy Independence E.O. to propose a repeal of the so-called "Clean Power Plan," and President Trump's "Regulatory Reform" E.O. 13777 by finalizing two deregulatory actions for each regulatory action – with ZERO net costs to the U.S. economy.

✓ **REGULATORY REFORM:** 22 deregulatory actions were finalized, which could save more than \$1 billion in regulatory costs; EPA also initiated work on an additional 44 deregulatory actions and announced the reconsideration of over a dozen overreaching and burdensome regulations.

✓ **OUTREACH:** Administrator Pruitt consulted with 95 bipartisan members of Congress, 34 bipartisan governors, visited 30 states and U.S. territories, and met with over 350 stakeholder groups.

✓ **AIR:** EPA acted on 322 State Implementation Plans (SIPs) and turned one Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) into a SIP each month since March 1, 2017.

✓ **WATER:** 3,000 Total Maximum Daily Loads were approved and EPA focused on the priority water bodies selected by states. EPA also: cut the amount of time it took to review state water quality standards in half (from 120 days to 60); committed \$25 million in water infrastructure loans; disbursed \$8.9 billion in State Revolving Funds to improve our nation's water quality; and awarded \$100 million to Flint, Michigan for water infrastructure upgrades.

✓ LAND: Seven contaminated sites were eliminated, substantially or entirely, from the National Priorities List (NPL) of contaminated sites; only two sites were removed the previous year. EPA also awarded \$60 million in Brownfields cleanup grants to local communities.

✓ CHEMICALS: 600 new chemical submissions were stuck in the Agency's backlog as of January 2017; EPA cleared the backlog and ensured that all new chemicals coming to market received a safety determination within about 90 days.

✓ ENFORCEMENT: In FY17, \$1.6 billion was collected in administrative and civil judicial penalties, higher than any of the previous ten years, other than FY16, which included one \$5.7 billion action taken. EPA also celebrated an increase in the value of commitments by private parties to clean up land to more than \$1.2 billion, an increase in the total of criminal fines, restitution and mitigation to \$2.98 billion, and an increase in the value of actions to improve compliance to nearly \$20 billion.

For full review click [here](#).

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Ex. 6



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Washington, D.C. 20460

MAR 30 2018

OFFICE OF
GENERAL COUNSEL

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Review of Lease Agreement Under the Federal Ethics Regulations Regarding Gifts

FROM: Kevin S. Minoli *KS*
Designated Agency Ethics Official &
Principal Deputy General Counsel

TO: Matthew Z. Leopold
General Counsel

As requested, the Ethics Office reviewed the lease agreement entered into by E. Scott Pruitt (TENANT) and Vicki Hart (LANDLORD) under the federal ethics regulations regarding gifts. The regulations issued by the Office of Government Ethics are clear that if a federal employee pays market value for something, it is by definition not a gift under those regulations. 5 C.F.R. 2635.203(b)(10)(excluding from the definition of gift "[a]nything for which market value is paid by the employee"). Market value for rental apartments is commonly thought of in terms of rental cost per month. Under the terms of the lease, if the space was utilized for one 30-day month, then the rental cost would be \$1500, which is a reasonable market value. The lease authorized use by the Administrator and his immediate family, specifically including his spouse and children, and consistent with that provision of the lease his immediate family did stay there when they were in Washington, DC. The lease did not require payment when the property was not utilized. Neither of these two provisions render the rental cost under the lease as something other than market value. Therefore, entering into the lease was consistent with federal ethics regulations regarding gifts, and use of the property in accordance with the lease agreement did not constitute a gift as defined in those regulations.

Internal/Deliberative Process
EPA REGULATORY REFORM UNDER ADMINISTRATOR PRUITT'S LEADERSHIP
Updated March 16, 2018

OVERVIEW:

- Administrator Pruitt is working to fulfill EPA's core mission of protecting our environment while implementing President Trump's executive orders to reduce unnecessary regulatory burdens, save manufacturing jobs, streamline our permitting processes, and promote American energy independence and rural prosperity.

REGULATORY STATISTICS UNDER THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION:

- According to the White House Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) most recent report to Congress on the Benefits and Costs of Federal Regulations, over the last decade, EPA regulations imposed annual costs of **\$43.2 to 50.9 billion** – more than the cost of all other federal agencies *combined*.
- That same report showed that, over the last decade, EPA issued more major rules¹ than *any* other federal agency.
- According to EPA's internal database, the Agency issued 20 deregulatory actions from 2009 to 2017.

REDUCING UNNECESSARY REGULATORY BURDEN UNDER ADMINISTRATOR PRUITT:

- In accordance with E.O. 13771, for Fiscal Year 2017, EPA finalized at least 2 deregulatory actions for each new regulatory action. Additionally, EPA rules imposed no new net costs. EPA expects to impose no additional net costs in Fiscal Year 2018 as well.
- Under Administrator Pruitt's leadership, EPA has finalized **24 deregulatory actions** that saved the American people more than **\$1 billion** in regulatory costs.
- EPA has also initiated work on an additional 42 deregulatory actions.

OTHER REGULATORY REFORM MEASURES:

- Issued an Agency-wide directive in October 2017 to end "sue and settle" practices within the Agency, putting an end to regulation by litigation.
- Issued a directive in October 2017 to ensure the independence of EPA's Federal Advisory Committees (FACs) by prohibiting members from serving on a FAC while simultaneously receiving grants from the Agency. In addition, the directive called for more geographic diversity on FACs, more frequent rotation in membership, and greater involvement by state, local, and tribal officials.
- Develop a directive to strengthen transparency and reproducibility for EPA's regulatory science.
- Develop an ANPRM on Increasing Consistency, Reliability, and Transparency in the Rulemaking Process to help inform implementing regulations for how EPA evaluates costs and benefits of rules. The Agency plans to issue this ANPRM in April 2018.
- Improve EPA's internal rulemaking process by updating the *Guidelines for Producing Economic Analysis*, which govern how the Agency conducts benefit-cost analysis and other regulatory impact analyses.
- EPA was the first federal agency to provide updated estimates of the social cost of carbon and methane consistent with E.O. 13783 (e.g, 2016 SCC=\$36/metric ton CO₂ @3% in 2015; 2017 SCC=\$5/metric ton CO₂ @3% in 2015).
- Issue permitting decisions in 6 months by 2020.
- Reduce the regulated community reporting and recordkeeping burden by 10 million hours by 2022.

¹ For which both benefits and costs have been estimated

KEY DEREGULATORY ACTIONS:

- ✓ **WOTUS:** EPA estimated the 2015 WOTUS rule had an annualized cost of up to \$462.9 million. Per E.O. 13778, EPA and the Army Corps issued a proposed repeal of the rule in June 2017, which could produce \$313.9 million in annualized cost-savings. In January 2018, the agencies issued a final rule to change the applicability date of the rule to February 2020 to allow time to reconsider the rule. As a second step, the agencies are developing a revised definition of WOTUS.
- ✓ **Clean Power Plan and Related Actions:** In 2015, EPA estimated that the CPP could cost \$5 to 8 billion in 2030 and result in a loss of roughly 34,000 jobs in 2030. The Energy Information Administration (EIA) estimated a loss of about 376,000 jobs under the CPP in 2030. Per E.O. 13783, EPA announced its withdrawal of the Federal Plan/Trading Rule/Framework Amendments under the CPP and its review of the New Source Performance Standards for coal-fired power plants on March 28, 2017. In October 2017, EPA issued a proposed repeal of the CPP saving \$33 billion in 2030. In December 2017, the Agency issued an ANPRM to solicit information from the public about a potential future rulemaking to limit greenhouse gas emissions from existing power plants.
- ✓ **Coal Combustion Residuals:** The 2015 CCR rule had an annualized cost of up to \$735 million. In March 2018, Administrator Pruitt signed the first of 2 rules that amend the 2015 rule and could produce \$100 million in annualized cost-savings.
- ✓ **Risk Management Plan:** The RMP Amendments rule had an annualized cost of \$131.8 million. In June 2017, EPA issued a final rule extending the effective date of the rule by 2 years while the Agency reconsiders the rule. In March 2018, EPA sent a draft reconsideration rule to OMB for interagency review.
- ✓ **Vehicle GHG Standards:** In March 2017, EPA and DOT announced their reconsideration of the prior administration's determination and plans to issue a Final Determination by April 1, 2018. In August 2017, EPA also announced its intent to reconsider provisions of the greenhouse gas standards for medium- and heavy-duty vehicles. In November 2017, the Agency issued a proposed rule to repeal emission requirements for glider kits, and provisions for trailers have been stayed by courts.
- ✓ **New Source Review:** In order to improve the NSR program, EPA planned to issue a series of memos on NSR reform. In December 2017, EPA issued guidance about the process of determining whether or not a project at an existing facility triggers NSR requirements (known as the "applicability determination"). In January 2018, EPA issued guidance withdrawing the 1995 "once-in-always-in" policy. In March 2018, EPA issued a memo that provides guidance for accounting changes in emissions from a project under the NSR program when determining whether a project will result in a significant emissions increase.
- ✓ **Methane Oil and Gas Rule:** The 2016 Oil and Gas Methane New Source Performance Standards for new and modified sources would have had an annualized cost of up to \$640 million in 2025. Additionally, many of its benefits relied on an overestimated social cost of methane. Per E.O. 13783, EPA announced its intent to reconsider the rule in April 2017. In June 2017, EPA issued a proposed short- and long-term delay of the rule. In March 2018, EPA amended 2 provisions of the rule to address immediate concerns with requirements pertaining to fugitive emissions. On the same day, EPA withdrew the Oil & Gas Control Technique Guidelines (CTG) saving \$14 to \$16 million in regulatory costs.
- ✓ **Methane Information Collection Request:** The methane ICR for the oil and gas sector had a compliance cost of more than \$40 million. In March 2017, EPA rescinded the ICR.
- ✓ **Steam Electric Effluent Limitation Guidelines:** EPA estimated the 2015 Steam ELG rule could have cost \$1.2 billion per year in the first 5 years with an annualized cost of \$480 million. Additionally, EPA estimated the rule could have reduced total operations and maintenance labor at coal-fired electric plants by the equivalent of 835 full-time employees in 2030. In September 2017, EPA issued a final rule to postpone compliance deadlines by 2 years, providing relief during the Agency's reconsideration, which could produce \$36.8 million in annualized cost-savings.

Message

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Sent: 4/11/2018 5:58:56 PM
To: Ari Natter [anatter5@bloomberg.net]
Subject: RE: Can you send me your statement?

Gossip mill kind of stuff because Andy's vote is this week.

From: Ari Natter (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) [mailto:anatter5@bloomberg.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 1:12 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Can you send me your statement?

Accurate? :)

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From: Ryan Jackson <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
To: ARI NATTER
At: 11-Apr-2018 13:08:37

I did see it.

From: Ari Natter (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) [mailto:anatter5@bloomberg.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 12:23 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Can you send me your statement?

You see this Daily Caller story that says White House is considering replacing Pruitt with Andrew Wheeler? <http://dailycaller.com/2018/04/11/source-white-house-mulls-replacing-pruitt/>

Ari Natter
Reporter
Bloomberg News

Ex. 6

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From: jackson.ryan@epa.gov At: 04/10/18 17:51:07

To: [Ari Natter \(BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM: \)](#)
Subject: RE: Can you send me your statement?

We are sending this out shortly

EPA STATEMENT: "We do not comment on personnel matters. The action today was based on a recommendation by the Office of Administration and Resources Management. I am not aware of any connection between the personnel matter and the document mentioned in media report."

- Donna Vizian, EPA Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator

From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 5:45 PM
To: 'Ari Natter' <anatter5@bloomberg.net>
Subject: RE: Can you send me your statement?

Night, morning, all the time...

From: Ari Natter (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:)
[<mailto:anatter5@bloomberg.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 5:43 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Can you send me your statement?

And I appreciate your help. Can we do a phone call sometime? I take it you are a night owl?

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From: Ryan Jackson <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>

To: ARI NATTER

At: 10-Apr-2018 17:41:43

I doubt it, but I appreciate the invitation.

From: Ari Natter (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) [\[mailto:anatter5@bloomberg.net\]](mailto:anatter5@bloomberg.net)

Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 5:40 PM

To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Can you send me your statement?

Thanks. Can you make it to our bureau party this evening?

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From: Ryan Jackson <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>

To: ARI NATTER

At: 10-Apr-2018 17:35:55

The answer to your question is that there's not a connection. Frankly this is extremely coincidental. EPA is issuing a new statement shortly.

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On Apr 9, 2018, at 9:40 PM, Ari Natter
(BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:)
<anatter5@bloomberg.net> wrote:

<https://www.politico.com/story/2018/04/09/pruitt-epa-raises-511112>

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Sent: 4/3/2018 7:43:58 PM
To: toni-marie_higgins@boozman.senate.gov
Subject: Pruitt record
Attachments: Reg Reform Accomplishments 03.16.2018.docx; Evaluation of Lease Agreement2018-03-30-152600.pdf

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Washington, D.C. 20460

MAR 30 2018

OFFICE OF
GENERAL COUNSEL

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Review of Lease Agreement Under the Federal Ethics Regulations Regarding Gifts

FROM: Kevin S. Minoli *KS*
Designated Agency Ethics Official &
Principal Deputy General Counsel

TO: Matthew Z. Leopold
General Counsel

As requested, the Ethics Office reviewed the lease agreement entered into by E. Scott Pruitt (TENANT) and Vicki Hart (LANDLORD) under the federal ethics regulations regarding gifts. The regulations issued by the Office of Government Ethics are clear that if a federal employee pays market value for something, it is by definition not a gift under those regulations. 5 C.F.R. 2635.203(b)(10)(excluding from the definition of gift "[a]nything for which market value is paid by the employee"). Market value for rental apartments is commonly thought of in terms of rental cost per month. Under the terms of the lease, if the space was utilized for one 30-day month, then the rental cost would be \$1500, which is a reasonable market value. The lease authorized use by the Administrator and his immediate family, specifically including his spouse and children, and consistent with that provision of the lease his immediate family did stay there when they were in Washington, DC. The lease did not require payment when the property was not utilized. Neither of these two provisions render the rental cost under the lease as something other than market value. Therefore, entering into the lease was consistent with federal ethics regulations regarding gifts, and use of the property in accordance with the lease agreement did not constitute a gift as defined in those regulations.

Internal/Deliberative Process
EPA REGULATORY REFORM UNDER ADMINISTRATOR PRUITT'S LEADERSHIP
Updated March 16, 2018

OVERVIEW:

- Administrator Pruitt is working to fulfill EPA's core mission of protecting our environment while implementing President Trump's executive orders to reduce unnecessary regulatory burdens, save manufacturing jobs, streamline our permitting processes, and promote American energy independence and rural prosperity.

REGULATORY STATISTICS UNDER THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION:

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- That same report showed that, over the last decade, EPA issued more major rules¹ than *any* other federal agency.
- According to EPA's internal database, the Agency issued 20 deregulatory actions from 2009 to 2017.

REDUCING UNNECESSARY REGULATORY BURDEN UNDER ADMINISTRATOR PRUITT:

- In accordance with E.O. 13771, for Fiscal Year 2017, EPA finalized at least 2 deregulatory actions for each new regulatory action. Additionally, EPA rules imposed no new net costs. EPA expects to impose no additional net costs in Fiscal Year 2018 as well.
- Under Administrator Pruitt's leadership, EPA has finalized **24 deregulatory actions** that saved the American people more than **\$1 billion** in regulatory costs.
- EPA has also initiated work on an additional 42 deregulatory actions.

OTHER REGULATORY REFORM MEASURES:

- Issued an Agency-wide directive in October 2017 to end "sue and settle" practices within the Agency, putting an end to regulation by litigation.
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- Develop an ANPRM on Increasing Consistency, Reliability, and Transparency in the Rulemaking Process to help inform implementing regulations for how EPA evaluates costs and benefits of rules. The Agency plans to issue this ANPRM in April 2018.
- Improve EPA's internal rulemaking process by updating the *Guidelines for Producing Economic Analysis*, which govern how the Agency conducts benefit-cost analysis and other regulatory impact analyses.
- EPA was the first federal agency to provide updated estimates of the social cost of carbon and methane consistent with E.O. 13783 (e.g, 2016 SCC=\$36/metric ton CO₂ @3% in 2015; 2017 SCC=\$5/metric ton CO₂ @3% in 2015).
- Issue permitting decisions in 6 months by 2020.
- Reduce the regulated community reporting and recordkeeping burden by 10 million hours by 2022.

¹ For which both benefits and costs have been estimated

KEY DEREGULATORY ACTIONS:

- ✓ **WOTUS:** EPA estimated the 2015 WOTUS rule had an annualized cost of up to \$462.9 million. Per E.O. 13778, EPA and the Army Corps issued a proposed repeal of the rule in June 2017, which could produce \$313.9 million in annualized cost-savings. In January 2018, the agencies issued a final rule to change the applicability date of the rule to February 2020 to allow time to reconsider the rule. As a second step, the agencies are developing a revised definition of WOTUS.
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- ✓ **Risk Management Plan:** The RMP Amendments rule had an annualized cost of \$131.8 million. In June 2017, EPA issued a final rule extending the effective date of the rule by 2 years while the Agency reconsiders the rule. In March 2018, EPA sent a draft reconsideration rule to OMB for interagency review.
- ✓ **Vehicle GHG Standards:** In March 2017, EPA and DOT announced their reconsideration of the prior administration's determination and plans to issue a Final Determination by April 1, 2018. In August 2017, EPA also announced its intent to reconsider provisions of the greenhouse gas standards for medium- and heavy-duty vehicles. In November 2017, the Agency issued a proposed rule to repeal emission requirements for glider kits, and provisions for trailers have been stayed by courts.
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[HYPERLINK "<https://www.redstate.com/streiff/2018/04/04/people-supposed-conservative-trying-torpedo-scott-pruitt/>"] **Why are people who are supposed to be conservative trying to torpedo Scott Pruitt?** "Pruitt is a guy we should all be lining up to defend. Under Pruitt, the EPA accepted responsibility for the disastrous spill it created at the Gold King mine in Colorado. And he committed substantial resources to the clean-up. He's prioritized the clean-up of Super Fund sites that have lingered for decades. He has taken fire and sword to the onerous regulatory strait jacket the Obama administration tried to impose on the US economy. Pruitt had begun the repeal of Obama's Clean Power Plan coal regs and the Obama-era Clean Power Plan. Under Pruitt, an executive order was issued to rescind the EPA's overreaching Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule that often allowed the EPA to claim jurisdiction over literal mudholes."

[HYPERLINK "<http://thehill.com/opinion/energy-environment/381508-epa-chief-scott-pruitt-gets-results-thats-why-hes-a-target-of-the>"] **EPA Chief Scott Pruitt Gets Results — That's Why He's A Target Of The Left.** "President Donald Trump is standing by his embattled Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt, according to reports. Let's be clear, that is good thing for both Trump and the country. Pruitt is one of the shining stars of the Trump administration, and no one who supports the president's "Make America Great Again" agenda should want him replaced...Yet some hope that by attacking Pruitt on fake ethics charges, the media-created scandal will cause the Trump White House to either foolishly force Pruitt out or cause him to throw up his hands in disgust and resign. This would be a disaster for President Trump and all of us who care about his success."

[HYPERLINK "<https://www.themaven.net/theresurgent/erick-erickson/firing-scott-pruitt-will-only-embolden-the-left-98kPgKgnh06CbfWqAwBc9A/>"] **Firing Scott Pruitt Will Only Embolden the Left.** "Scott Pruitt is being targeted because he is effective. The President needs to stand behind Pruitt. It is an open secret in Washington that a leftwing opposition research firm has hired investigators to dig into Trump Administration officials. It is no coincidence that many of the accusations, like with former Secretary of Health and Human Services Tom Price, involve private air travel and the like. It is what these investigators focus on to give the media easy stories."

[HYPERLINK "<https://www.dailysignal.com/2018/04/04/3-reasons-left-hates-scott-pruitt/>"] **3 Reasons the Left Hates Scott Pruitt.** "From the Clean Power Plan, which was all about Obama's climate agenda and which had nothing to do with creating clean air (we already have laws about that), to the Waters of the United States regulation which could turn a puddle in your front yard into environmentally-protected swamp land—Pruitt has been rolling back many of the regulations put in place by Obama's overzealous, power-grabbing, and arguably unconstitutional EPA."

[HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2018/apr/3/president-trump-should-stand-his-man-epa-scott-pru/?utm_campaign=shareaholic&utm_medium=twitter&utm_source=socialnetwork"]: **President Trump should stand by his man at EPA; Scott Pruitt deserves no less.** "EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt has been the most effective cabinet secretary President Trump has had during his 14-month presidency. He has loyally carried out the president's aggressive

agenda against out-of-control federal regulations that stifle economic growth and kill American jobs. Pruitt has faithfully fulfilled Trump's campaign promises by rolling back Obama-era environmental overreach and halting most new regulations that were in the pipeline when he inherited the bloated agency from his predecessor, Gina McCarthy. Pruitt has spearheaded Trump's agenda with impactful moves like pulling out of the Paris climate accords, reforming CAFE standards and rolling back the obtrusive way the EPA administered the Clean Water Act. As the man willing to attack these sacred cows of the Left Pruitt has been rewarded with legitimate and specific death threats against himself and his family."

[[HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/while-media-fixate-on-scott-pruitts-living-arrangements-his-epa-reforms-are-praiseworthy"](https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/while-media-fixate-on-scott-pruitts-living-arrangements-his-epa-reforms-are-praiseworthy)]: **While media fixate on Scott Pruitt's living arrangements, his EPA reforms are praiseworthy.** "Pruitt's efforts to alleviate the regulatory burden on average Americans while working to restore sound scientific practices within the EPA arguably rank among the Trump administration's most significant policy achievements. EPA officials quoted in the press have said Pruitt's living arrangements did not violate ethics rules. Even if there is no technical violation, appearances matter in Washington. That's especially true for someone who has been remarkably effective up until now in advancing the Trump administration's efforts to free the economy from centralized planning in Washington."

[[HYPERLINK "https://www.dailysignal.com/2018/04/03/ethics-officials-okd-bedroom-rental-epa-chief-says/"](https://www.dailysignal.com/2018/04/03/ethics-officials-okd-bedroom-rental-epa-chief-says/)]: **Exclusive: EPA Chief Scott Pruitt Says Media Reports About Him Don't Tell True Story.** "'We had a memo and a statement from career ethics officials here that have actually reviewed the lease, that actually reviewed comps—comparables of similar units,' Pruitt, the former attorney general of Oklahoma, told The Daily Signal. 'And I think what's missed in this: I didn't rent a unit,' Pruitt said. 'I didn't rent an apartment. This was an Airbnb-type situation where I rented literally one room that was used in a temporary status, until I found more permanent residence.'"

[[HYPERLINK "https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2018/04/04/president-trump-his-corner-scott-pruitts-job-epa-looks-safe-now/485083002/"](https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2018/04/04/president-trump-his-corner-scott-pruitts-job-epa-looks-safe-now/485083002/)] **With President Trump in his corner, Scott Pruitt's job at EPA looks safe – for now.** "'Why go and replace someone who's doing a very good job (carrying out) the president's agenda,' said Jason Miller, a former senior communications adviser to the Trump campaign and transition team. 'It hasn't gone unnoticed that Administrator Pruitt is accomplishing a lot for the president and in a much quicker time period than anyone thought possible.'"

[[HYPERLINK "http://dailycaller.com/2018/04/04/conservative-pundits-rally-to-epas-scott-pruitt-as-dems-call-for-his-head/"](http://dailycaller.com/2018/04/04/conservative-pundits-rally-to-epas-scott-pruitt-as-dems-call-for-his-head/)]: **Conservative Pundits Rally to EPA's Scott Pruitt as Dems Call for His Head.** "Conservative allies have come to the aid of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt as lawmakers, environmental activists and pundits call for his resignation... Wall Street Journal columnist Kimberley Strassel called the wave of anti-Pruitt stories "absurd," pointing out that Obama EPA officials spent more on travel and that agency ethics officials approved of the administrator's temporary living arrangement in the condo."

[[HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/washington-secrets/scott-pruitt-washington-toxic-critics-trying-stop-trump-agenda"](https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/washington-secrets/scott-pruitt-washington-toxic-critics-trying-stop-trump-agenda)]: **Embattled Scott Pruitt Rips 'Toxic' Washington, Says Critics 'Will Resort To Anything' To Stop Trump Agenda.** "EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt on Tuesday forcefully pushed back against criticism that he won a short-term sweetheart rental deal from a lobbyist friend, claiming it's just the latest attempt by his and the president's attackers to 'resort to anything' to stop their agenda. 'There are people that have long in this town done business a different way and this agency has been the poster child of it. And so do I think that because we are leading on this agenda that there are some who want to keep that from happening? Absolutely. And do I think that they will resort to anything to achieve that? Yes,' he said in an interview with Secrets. 'It's toxic here in that regard,' said Pruitt, one of a handful of President's Trump's agency heads who is scoring wins on his pro-jobs, anti-regulatory campaign. Pruitt, speaking confidently about his future, said that critics who have focused on his \$50 a night room rental in an Airbnb-style townhouse and his air travel are really out to stop the administration's anti-regulatory effort that has saved \$8 billion overall and \$1 billion in reduced Environmental Protection Agency regulations."

[HYPERLINK "<https://www.cnn.com/2018/04/03/politics/scott-pruitt-donald-trump-environment-policy/index.html>"] **EPA's Pruitt Fulfilling Trump's Anti-Regulatory Agenda.** "Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt is drawing scrutiny for his housing situation and travel practices, but in his role as the nation's top environmental official, he's a reliable administration foot soldier, making good on President Donald Trump's campaign promises for fewer environmental regulations and to withdraw from the Paris climate agreement. Since he was confirmed to the job last February, Pruitt has taken an aggressive approach to rolling back Obama-era regulations, most recently this week's announcement that he would revise fuel efficiency rules designed to cut back on emissions of greenhouse gases. "This is another step in the President's regulatory agenda, de-regulatory agenda ... a billion dollars in savings with respect to over 22 significant regulatory actions that we've been involved in here at the agency," Pruitt said at EPA headquarters Tuesday."

[HYPERLINK "<https://www.eenews.net/stories/1060078051>"] **Conservatives Rally Behind Pruitt.** "Conservatives are supporting U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt as he struggles with reports of premium travel, high-price security and ties to lobbyists. Myron Ebell, who led President Trump's EPA transition team, told E&E News that Pruitt has been consequential in achieving the president's goals. Pruitt has proposed repealing several Obama-era regulations, winning plaudits from free-market and business groups that have long battled with EPA. "We're getting the word out that Administrator Pruitt is doing a good job in implementing the president's agenda and Administrator Pruitt is a key part of that agenda," Ebell said. "We're trying to keep the free-market groups and the conservative groups together in support of the agenda." Ebell, director of the Competitive Enterprise Institute's Center for Energy and Environment, talked to E&E News on his way to EPA headquarters today to attend Pruitt's announcement of the rollback of Obama-era auto fuel efficiency standards. Ebell declined to speculate whether Pruitt's job is in jeopardy."

[HYPERLINK "<https://hotair.com/archives/2018/04/04/interview-scott-pruitt-talking-regulatory-reform-scandals-rfs-swamp-monsters/>"] **Pruitt talks streamlining the agency, RFS, and "the swamp."** Administrator Pruitt does not admit to being a cryptozoological creature, nor can he confirm that he will be starring as a villain in an upcoming Marvel superhero movie. There's more about the EPA's move to only accept real science rather than secret science in their decision-making process as well as some hints at new regulatory moves on the horizon.



[HYPERLINK "<https://www.npr.org/2018/04/04/599361744/working-with-scott-pruitt>"] **Lawyer David Rivkin worked with Pruitt and talks with NPR's David Greene.**



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WHAT THEY ARE SAYING...

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[HYPERLINK "<http://www.freedomworks.org/content/freedomworks-foundation-praises-scott-pruitt%E2%80%99s-record-epa>"]: **Continues to support the leadership of Administrator Scott Pruitt.** "Adam Brandon: 'Scott Pruitt has worked hard to return the EPA to its core mission: protecting the environment as directed by Congress; instead of the rogue assault on the rule of law, freedom, and the economy that we saw in the prior administration.' Ken Cuccinelli: 'Unlike his predecessors, EPA Administrator Pruitt has core environmental accomplishments to his credit: like actually making progress on the long-dormant superfund sites and attacking the problem of lead in drinking water. These are basic responsibilities for the EPA, yet they were abject failures prior to Pruitt's arrival.'"

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(1/3) Let me get this straight

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The job creators in America (and this governor, among others) are grateful to @EPAScottPruitt for his efforts, and look forward to many more years of his bold, transformational leadership at @EPA

Ignore the nattering nabobs of negativism and keep marching...

Onward and upward!

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The media & other resistance leaders biggest target is Scott Pruitt. He's easily the most effective cabinet secretary. Would be huge victory for them, and huge loss for Trump, if they can pressure POTUS here.

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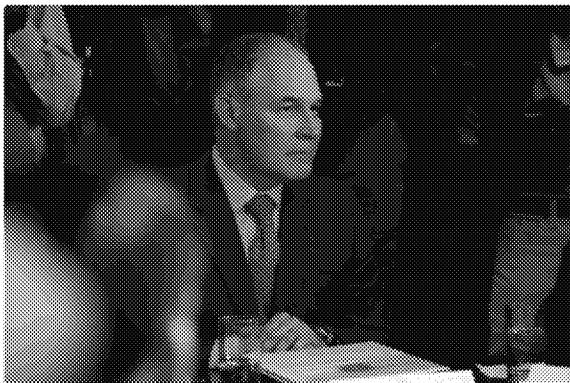


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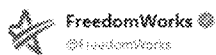


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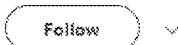
It's no surprise that the media is fixated on Scott Pruitt's living arrangements rather than praising his EPA reforms. #AMPFW



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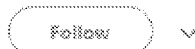
Scott Pruitt and Jeff Sessions are two of my fav cabinet picks Trump made. He really needs to back these guys... They're doing good things.

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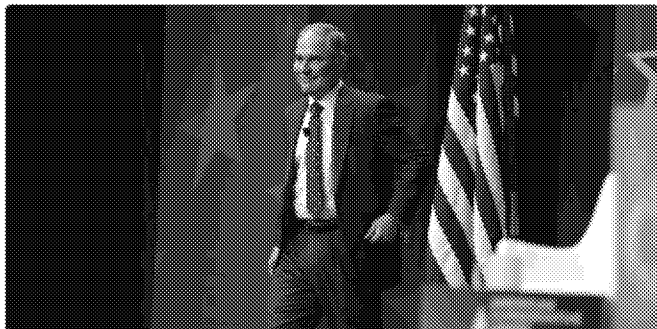


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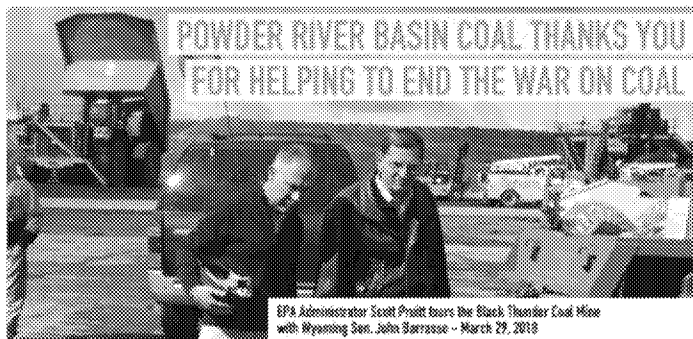


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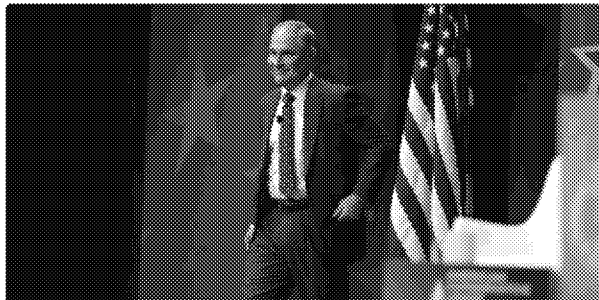
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Arkansas Farm Bureau Ppresident Randy Veach talks about a new level of cooperation with @EPA after meeting recently with @EPAScottPruitt and then following up Tuesday with a conversation with ROA Region 6 administrator Anne Idsal. See the video here: [facebook.com/ArkansasFarmBu ...](https://www.facebook.com/ArkansasFarmBureau)

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"Administrator Pruitt has been instrumental in carrying out President Trump's deregulatory agenda at the EPA," Inhofe said in a statement. "I look forward to continuing to work with him to restore the EPA to its proper size and scope."

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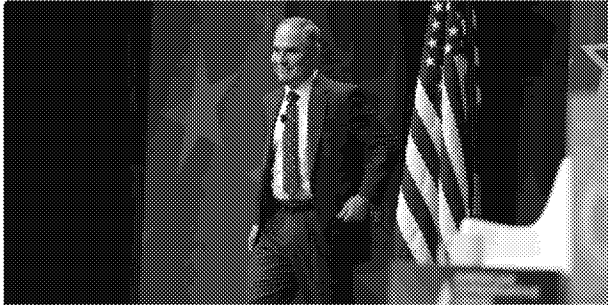


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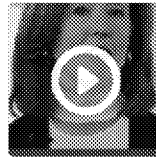
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3 reasons why the left is going bonkers over
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Hint: It's not about his bedroom rental.



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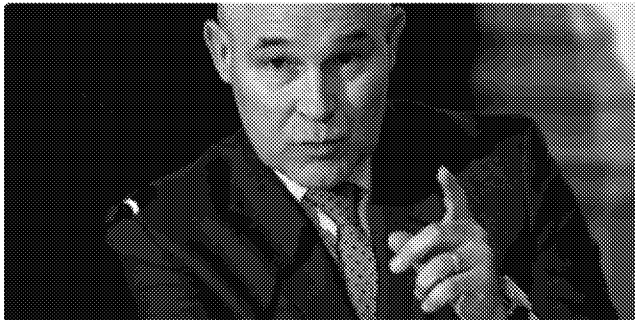
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"This notion that we cannot be about jobs and stewardship of the environment is just simply not right," says @EPAScottPruitt. "We can do both together."

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To: ryan_bernstein@hoeven.senate.gov
Subject: RE: Pruitt record
Attachments: Pruitt coverage highlights.docx

One more piece of information

From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Tuesday, April 3, 2018 3:35 PM
To: 'ryan_bernstein@hoeven.senate.gov' <ryan_bernstein@hoeven.senate.gov>
Subject: Pruitt record

Ryan, as an Interior/Environment appropriator, I'm sure your boss will receive questions concerning Pruitt. We are trying to keep things on the record over the past year. Happy to answer any questions about anything and hope the attached and following help your office with both.

"In just one year, we have made tremendous progress implementing President Trump's agenda by refocusing the Agency to its core mission, restoring power to the states through cooperative federalism, and adhering to the rule of law," **said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt**. "The American people can now trust that states and stakeholders will be treated as partners, and regulations will provide clarity, not confusion."

The sum of these actions is monumental: In year one, ***EPA finalized 22 deregulatory actions, which could save Americans more than \$1 billion in regulatory costs.***

By the Numbers:

✓ **IMPLEMENTING EXECUTIVE ORDERS (E.O.):** EPA quickly acted on President Donald Trump's E.O. to review the 2015 definition of "Waters of the U.S.," President Trump's Energy Independence E.O. to propose a repeal of the so-called "Clean Power Plan;" and President Trump's "Regulatory Reform" E.O. 13777 by finalizing two deregulatory actions for each regulatory action – with ZERO net costs to the U.S. economy.

✓ **REGULATORY REFORM:** 22 deregulatory actions were finalized, which could save more than \$1 billion in regulatory costs; EPA also initiated work on an additional 44 deregulatory actions and announced the reconsideration of over a dozen overreaching and burdensome regulations.

✓ **OUTREACH:** Administrator Pruitt consulted with 95 bipartisan members of Congress, 34 bipartisan governors, visited 30 states and U.S. territories, and met with over 350 stakeholder groups.

✓ **AIR:** EPA acted on 322 State Implementation Plans (SIPs) and turned one Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) into a SIP each month since March 1, 2017.

✓ WATER: 3,000 Total Maximum Daily Loads were approved and EPA focused on the priority water bodies selected by states. EPA also: cut the amount of time it took to review state water quality standards in half (from 120 days to 60); committed \$25 million in water infrastructure loans; disbursed \$8.9 billion in State Revolving Funds to improve our nation's water quality; and awarded \$100 million to Flint, Michigan for water infrastructure upgrades.

✓ LAND: Seven contaminated sites were eliminated, substantially or entirely, from the National Priorities List (NPL) of contaminated sites; only two sites were removed the previous year. EPA also awarded \$60 million in Brownfields cleanup grants to local communities.

✓ CHEMICALS: 600 new chemical submissions were stuck in the Agency's backlog as of January 2017; EPA cleared the backlog and ensured that all new chemicals coming to market received a safety determination within about 90 days.

✓ ENFORCEMENT: In FY17, \$1.6 billion was collected in administrative and civil judicial penalties, higher than any of the previous ten years, other than FY16, which included one \$5.7 billion action taken. EPA also celebrated an increase in the value of commitments by private parties to clean up land to more than \$1.2 billion, an increase in the total of criminal fines, restitution and mitigation to \$2.98 billion, and an increase in the value of actions to improve compliance to nearly \$20 billion.

For full review click [here](#).

Ryan Jackson
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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[HYPERLINK "<http://thefederalist.com/2018/04/04/scott-pruitt-is-trumps-biggest-asset-thats-why-the-left-wants-him-gone/>"]: **Scott Pruitt Is Trump's Biggest Asset. That's Why the Left Wants Him Gone.** "After Donald Trump, the individual in DC with the biggest target on his back is Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt. When he was attorney general of Oklahoma, he sued the EPA more than a dozen times to get the powerful regulatory agency to stay within its legal authority. His nomination was deeply concerning to radical environmentalists inside and outside the media. As a result, he and his team have been under a microscope since even before his confirmation in early 2017. Well-funded environmental groups, many with former EPA staffers, deluge the agency with FOIA requests to catch someone in a scandal. Unlike how they covered Obama-era EPA administrators, media outlets constantly request information about everything Pruitt does, from his schedule to his travel particulars. Whipped-up partisans have made unprecedented numbers of death threats against him and his family. Powerful liberals opine against him."

[HYPERLINK "<https://www.redstate.com/streiff/2018/04/04/people-supposed-conservative-trying-torpedo-scott-pruitt/>"] **Why are people who are supposed to be conservative trying to torpedo Scott Pruitt?** "Pruitt is a guy we should all be lining up to defend. Under Pruitt, the EPA accepted responsibility for the disastrous spill it created at the Gold King mine in Colorado. And he committed substantial resources to the clean-up. He's prioritized the clean-up of Super Fund sites that have lingered for decades. He has taken fire and sword to the onerous regulatory strait jacket the Obama administration tried to impose on the US economy. Pruitt had begun the repeal of Obama's Clean Power Plan coal regs and the Obama-era Clean Power Plan. Under Pruitt, an executive order was issued to rescind the EPA's overreaching Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule that often allowed the EPA to claim jurisdiction over literal mudholes."

[HYPERLINK "<http://thehill.com/opinion/energy-environment/381508-epa-chief-scott-pruitt-gets-results-thats-why-hes-a-target-of-the>"] **EPA Chief Scott Pruitt Gets Results — That's Why He's A Target Of The Left.** "President Donald Trump is standing by his embattled Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt, according to reports. Let's be clear, that is good thing for both Trump and the country. Pruitt is one of the shining stars of the Trump administration, and no one who supports the president's "Make America Great Again" agenda should want him replaced...Yet some hope that by attacking Pruitt on fake ethics charges, the media-created scandal will cause the Trump White House to either foolishly force Pruitt out or cause him to throw up his hands in disgust and resign. This would be a disaster for President Trump and all of us who care about his success."

[HYPERLINK "<https://www.themaven.net/theresurgent/erick-erickson/firing-scott-pruitt-will-only-embolden-the-left-98kPgKgnh06CbfWqAwBc9A/>"] **Firing Scott Pruitt Will Only Embolden the Left.** "Scott Pruitt is being targeted because he is effective. The President needs to stand behind Pruitt. It is an open secret in Washington that a leftwing opposition research firm has hired investigators to dig into Trump Administration officials. It is no coincidence that many of the accusations, like with former Secretary of Health and Human Services Tom Price, involve private air travel and the like. It is what these investigators focus on to give the media easy stories."

[HYPERLINK "<https://www.dailysignal.com/2018/04/04/3-reasons-left-hates-scott-pruitt/>"] **3 Reasons the Left Hates Scott Pruitt.** "From the Clean Power Plan, which was all about Obama's climate agenda and which had nothing to do with creating clean air (we already have laws about that), to the Waters of the United States regulation which could turn a puddle in your front yard into environmentally-protected swamp land—Pruitt has been rolling back many of the regulations put in place by Obama's overzealous, power-grabbing, and arguably unconstitutional EPA."

[HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2018/apr/3/president-trump-should-stand-his-man-epa-scott-pru/?utm_campaign=shareaholic&utm_medium=twitter&utm_source=socialnetwork"]: **President Trump should stand by his man at EPA; Scott Pruitt deserves no less.** "EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt has been the most effective cabinet secretary President Trump has had during his 14-month presidency. He has loyally carried out the president's aggressive

agenda against out-of-control federal regulations that stifle economic growth and kill American jobs. Pruitt has faithfully fulfilled Trump's campaign promises by rolling back Obama-era environmental overreach and halting most new regulations that were in the pipeline when he inherited the bloated agency from his predecessor, Gina McCarthy. Pruitt has spearheaded Trump's agenda with impactful moves like pulling out of the Paris climate accords, reforming CAFE standards and rolling back the obtrusive way the EPA administered the Clean Water Act. As the man willing to attack these sacred cows of the Left Pruitt has been rewarded with legitimate and specific death threats against himself and his family."

[[HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/while-media-fixate-on-scott-pruitts-living-arrangements-his-epa-reforms-are-praiseworthy"](https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/while-media-fixate-on-scott-pruitts-living-arrangements-his-epa-reforms-are-praiseworthy)]: **While media fixate on Scott Pruitt's living arrangements, his EPA reforms are praiseworthy.** "Pruitt's efforts to alleviate the regulatory burden on average Americans while working to restore sound scientific practices within the EPA arguably rank among the Trump administration's most significant policy achievements. EPA officials quoted in the press have said Pruitt's living arrangements did not violate ethics rules. Even if there is no technical violation, appearances matter in Washington. That's especially true for someone who has been remarkably effective up until now in advancing the Trump administration's efforts to free the economy from centralized planning in Washington."

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[[HYPERLINK "https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2018/04/04/president-trump-his-corner-scott-pruitts-job-epa-looks-safe-now/485083002/"](https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2018/04/04/president-trump-his-corner-scott-pruitts-job-epa-looks-safe-now/485083002/)] **With President Trump in his corner, Scott Pruitt's job at EPA looks safe – for now.** "'Why go and replace someone who's doing a very good job (carrying out) the president's agenda,' said Jason Miller, a former senior communications adviser to the Trump campaign and transition team. 'It hasn't gone unnoticed that Administrator Pruitt is accomplishing a lot for the president and in a much quicker time period than anyone thought possible.'"

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[[HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/washington-secrets/scott-pruitt-washington-toxic-critics-trying-stop-trump-agenda"](https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/washington-secrets/scott-pruitt-washington-toxic-critics-trying-stop-trump-agenda)]: **Embattled Scott Pruitt Rips 'Toxic' Washington, Says Critics 'Will Resort To Anything' To Stop Trump Agenda.** "EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt on Tuesday forcefully pushed back against criticism that he won a short-term sweetheart rental deal from a lobbyist friend, claiming it's just the latest attempt by his and the president's attackers to 'resort to anything' to stop their agenda. 'There are people that have long in this town done business a different way and this agency has been the poster child of it. And so do I think that because we are leading on this agenda that there are some who want to keep that from happening? Absolutely. And do I think that they will resort to anything to achieve that? Yes,' he said in an interview with Secrets. 'It's toxic here in that regard,' said Pruitt, one of a handful of President's Trump's agency heads who is scoring wins on his pro-jobs, anti-regulatory campaign. Pruitt, speaking confidently about his future, said that critics who have focused on his \$50 a night room rental in an Airbnb-style townhouse and his air travel are really out to stop the administration's anti-regulatory effort that has saved \$8 billion overall and \$1 billion in reduced Environmental Protection Agency regulations."

[HYPERLINK "<https://www.cnn.com/2018/04/03/politics/scott-pruitt-donald-trump-environment-policy/index.html>"] **EPA's Pruitt Fulfilling Trump's Anti-Regulatory Agenda.** "Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt is drawing scrutiny for his housing situation and travel practices, but in his role as the nation's top environmental official, he's a reliable administration foot soldier, making good on President Donald Trump's campaign promises for fewer environmental regulations and to withdraw from the Paris climate agreement. Since he was confirmed to the job last February, Pruitt has taken an aggressive approach to rolling back Obama-era regulations, most recently this week's announcement that he would revise fuel efficiency rules designed to cut back on emissions of greenhouse gases. "This is another step in the President's regulatory agenda, de-regulatory agenda ... a billion dollars in savings with respect to over 22 significant regulatory actions that we've been involved in here at the agency," Pruitt said at EPA headquarters Tuesday."

[HYPERLINK "<https://www.eenews.net/stories/1060078051>"] **Conservatives Rally Behind Pruitt.** "Conservatives are supporting U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt as he struggles with reports of premium travel, high-price security and ties to lobbyists. Myron Ebell, who led President Trump's EPA transition team, told E&E News that Pruitt has been consequential in achieving the president's goals. Pruitt has proposed repealing several Obama-era regulations, winning plaudits from free-market and business groups that have long battled with EPA. "We're getting the word out that Administrator Pruitt is doing a good job in implementing the president's agenda and Administrator Pruitt is a key part of that agenda," Ebell said. "We're trying to keep the free-market groups and the conservative groups together in support of the agenda." Ebell, director of the Competitive Enterprise Institute's Center for Energy and Environment, talked to E&E News on his way to EPA headquarters today to attend Pruitt's announcement of the rollback of Obama-era auto fuel efficiency standards. Ebell declined to speculate whether Pruitt's job is in jeopardy."

[HYPERLINK "<https://hotair.com/archives/2018/04/04/interview-scott-pruitt-talking-regulatory-reform-scandals-rfs-swamp-monsters/>"] **Pruitt talks streamlining the agency, RFS, and "the swamp."** Administrator Pruitt does not admit to being a cryptozoological creature, nor can he confirm that he will be starring as a villain in an upcoming Marvel superhero movie. There's more about the EPA's move to only accept real science rather than secret science in their decision-making process as well as some hints at new regulatory moves on the horizon.



[HYPERLINK "<https://www.npr.org/2018/04/04/599361744/working-with-scott-pruitt>"] **Lawyer David Rivkin worked with Pruitt and talks with NPR's David Greene.**



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[HYPERLINK "<http://www.freedomworks.org/content/freedomworks-foundation-praises-scott-pruitt%E2%80%99s-record-epa>"]: **Continues to support the leadership of Administrator Scott Pruitt.** "Adam Brandon: 'Scott Pruitt has worked hard to return the EPA to its core mission: protecting the environment as directed by Congress; instead of the rogue assault on the rule of law, freedom, and the economy that we saw in the prior administration.' Ken Cuccinelli: 'Unlike his predecessors, EPA Administrator Pruitt has core environmental accomplishments to his credit: like actually making progress on the long-dormant superfund sites and attacking the problem of lead in drinking water. These are basic responsibilities for the EPA, yet they were abject failures prior to Pruitt's arrival.'"

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Ignore the nattering nabobs of negativism and keep marching...

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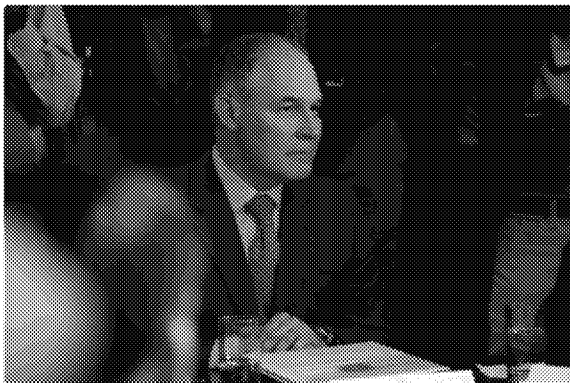


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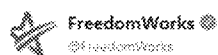


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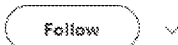
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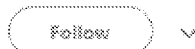
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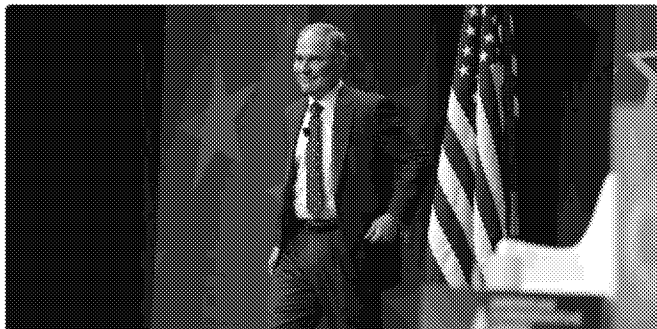


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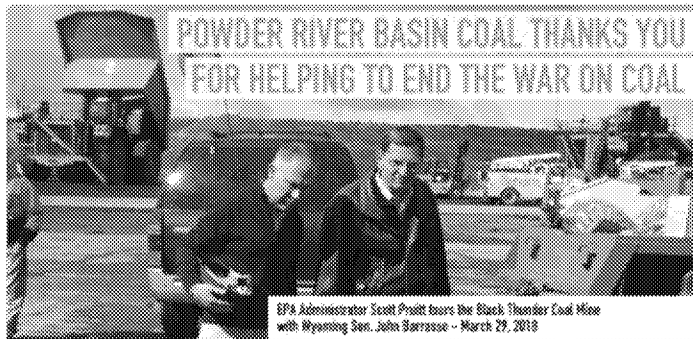


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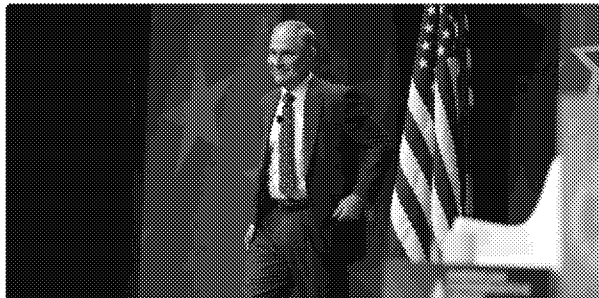
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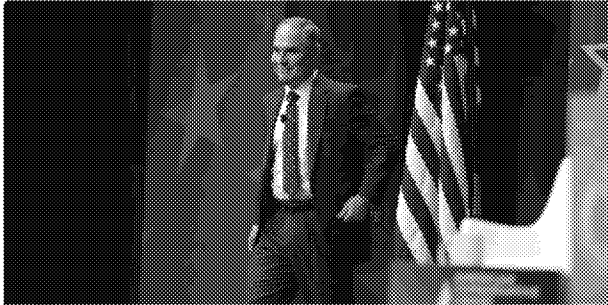


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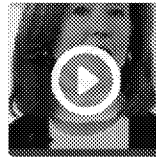
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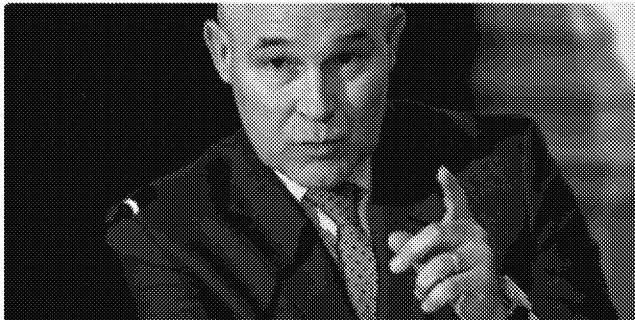
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Updated March 16, 2018

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OFFICE OF
GENERAL COUNSEL

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Review of Lease Agreement Under the Federal Ethics Regulations Regarding Gifts

FROM: Kevin S. Minoli *KS*
Designated Agency Ethics Official &
Principal Deputy General Counsel

TO: Matthew Z. Leopold
General Counsel

As requested, the Ethics Office reviewed the lease agreement entered into by E. Scott Pruitt (TENANT) and Vicki Hart (LANDLORD) under the federal ethics regulations regarding gifts. The regulations issued by the Office of Government Ethics are clear that if a federal employee pays market value for something, it is by definition not a gift under those regulations. 5 C.F.R. 2635.203(b)(10)(excluding from the definition of gift "[a]nything for which market value is paid by the employee"). Market value for rental apartments is commonly thought of in terms of rental cost per month. Under the terms of the lease, if the space was utilized for one 30-day month, then the rental cost would be \$1500, which is a reasonable market value. The lease authorized use by the Administrator and his immediate family, specifically including his spouse and children, and consistent with that provision of the lease his immediate family did stay there when they were in Washington, DC. The lease did not require payment when the property was not utilized. Neither of these two provisions render the rental cost under the lease as something other than market value. Therefore, entering into the lease was consistent with federal ethics regulations regarding gifts, and use of the property in accordance with the lease agreement did not constitute a gift as defined in those regulations.

Internal/Deliberative Process
EPA REGULATORY REFORM UNDER ADMINISTRATOR PRUITT'S LEADERSHIP
Updated March 16, 2018

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[HYPERLINK "<https://www.redstate.com/streiff/2018/04/04/people-supposed-conservative-trying-torpedo-scott-pruitt/>"] **Why are people who are supposed to be conservative trying to torpedo Scott Pruitt?** "Pruitt is a guy we should all be lining up to defend. Under Pruitt, the EPA accepted responsibility for the disastrous spill it created at the Gold King mine in Colorado. And he committed substantial resources to the clean-up. He's prioritized the clean-up of Super Fund sites that have lingered for decades. He has taken fire and sword to the onerous regulatory strait jacket the Obama administration tried to impose on the US economy. Pruitt had begun the repeal of Obama's Clean Power Plan coal regs and the Obama-era Clean Power Plan. Under Pruitt, an executive order was issued to rescind the EPA's overreaching Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule that often allowed the EPA to claim jurisdiction over literal mudholes."

[HYPERLINK "<http://thehill.com/opinion/energy-environment/381508-epa-chief-scott-pruitt-gets-results-thats-why-hes-a-target-of-the>"] **EPA Chief Scott Pruitt Gets Results — That's Why He's A Target Of The Left.** "President Donald Trump is standing by his embattled Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt, according to reports. Let's be clear, that is good thing for both Trump and the country. Pruitt is one of the shining stars of the Trump administration, and no one who supports the president's "Make America Great Again" agenda should want him replaced...Yet some hope that by attacking Pruitt on fake ethics charges, the media-created scandal will cause the Trump White House to either foolishly force Pruitt out or cause him to throw up his hands in disgust and resign. This would be a disaster for President Trump and all of us who care about his success."

[HYPERLINK "<https://www.themaven.net/theresurgent/erick-erickson/firing-scott-pruitt-will-only-embolden-the-left-98kPgKgnh06CbFwqAwBc9A/>"] **Firing Scott Pruitt Will Only Embolden the Left.** "Scott Pruitt is being targeted because he is effective. The President needs to stand behind Pruitt. It is an open secret in Washington that a leftwing opposition research firm has hired investigators to dig into Trump Administration officials. It is no coincidence that many of the accusations, like with former Secretary of Health and Human Services Tom Price, involve private air travel and the like. It is what these investigators focus on to give the media easy stories."

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agenda against out-of-control federal regulations that stifle economic growth and kill American jobs. Pruitt has faithfully fulfilled Trump's campaign promises by rolling back Obama-era environmental overreach and halting most new regulations that were in the pipeline when he inherited the bloated agency from his predecessor, Gina McCarthy. Pruitt has spearheaded Trump's agenda with impactful moves like pulling out of the Paris climate accords, reforming CAFE standards and rolling back the obtrusive way the EPA administered the Clean Water Act. As the man willing to attack these sacred cows of the Left Pruitt has been rewarded with legitimate and specific death threats against himself and his family."

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[[HYPERLINK "https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2018/04/04/president-trump-his-corner-scott-pruitts-job-epa-looks-safe-now/485083002/"](https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2018/04/04/president-trump-his-corner-scott-pruitts-job-epa-looks-safe-now/485083002/)] **With President Trump in his corner, Scott Pruitt's job at EPA looks safe – for now.** "'Why go and replace someone who's doing a very good job (carrying out) the president's agenda,' said Jason Miller, a former senior communications adviser to the Trump campaign and transition team. 'It hasn't gone unnoticed that Administrator Pruitt is accomplishing a lot for the president and in a much quicker time period than anyone thought possible.'"

[[HYPERLINK "http://dailycaller.com/2018/04/04/conservative-pundits-rally-to-epas-scott-pruitt-as-dems-call-for-his-head/"](http://dailycaller.com/2018/04/04/conservative-pundits-rally-to-epas-scott-pruitt-as-dems-call-for-his-head/)]: **Conservative Pundits Rally to EPA's Scott Pruitt as Dems Call for His Head.** "Conservative allies have come to the aid of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt as lawmakers, environmental activists and pundits call for his resignation... Wall Street Journal columnist Kimberley Strassel called the wave of anti-Pruitt stories "absurd," pointing out that Obama EPA officials spent more on travel and that agency ethics officials approved of the administrator's temporary living arrangement in the condo."

[[HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/washington-secrets/scott-pruitt-washington-toxic-critics-trying-stop-trump-agenda"](https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/washington-secrets/scott-pruitt-washington-toxic-critics-trying-stop-trump-agenda)]: **Embattled Scott Pruitt Rips 'Toxic' Washington, Says Critics 'Will Resort To Anything' To Stop Trump Agenda.** "EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt on Tuesday forcefully pushed back against criticism that he won a short-term sweetheart rental deal from a lobbyist friend, claiming it's just the latest attempt by his and the president's attackers to 'resort to anything' to stop their agenda. 'There are people that have long in this town done business a different way and this agency has been the poster child of it. And so do I think that because we are leading on this agenda that there are some who want to keep that from happening? Absolutely. And do I think that they will resort to anything to achieve that? Yes,' he said in an interview with Secrets. 'It's toxic here in that regard,' said Pruitt, one of a handful of President's Trump's agency heads who is scoring wins on his pro-jobs, anti-regulatory campaign. Pruitt, speaking confidently about his future, said that critics who have focused on his \$50 a night room rental in an Airbnb-style townhouse and his air travel are really out to stop the administration's anti-regulatory effort that has saved \$8 billion overall and \$1 billion in reduced Environmental Protection Agency regulations."

[HYPERLINK "<https://www.cnn.com/2018/04/03/politics/scott-pruitt-donald-trump-environment-policy/index.html>"] **EPA's Pruitt Fulfilling Trump's Anti-Regulatory Agenda.** "Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt is drawing scrutiny for his housing situation and travel practices, but in his role as the nation's top environmental official, he's a reliable administration foot soldier, making good on President Donald Trump's campaign promises for fewer environmental regulations and to withdraw from the Paris climate agreement. Since he was confirmed to the job last February, Pruitt has taken an aggressive approach to rolling back Obama-era regulations, most recently this week's announcement that he would revise fuel efficiency rules designed to cut back on emissions of greenhouse gases. "This is another step in the President's regulatory agenda, de-regulatory agenda ... a billion dollars in savings with respect to over 22 significant regulatory actions that we've been involved in here at the agency," Pruitt said at EPA headquarters Tuesday."

[HYPERLINK "<https://www.eenews.net/stories/1060078051>"] **Conservatives Rally Behind Pruitt.** "Conservatives are supporting U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt as he struggles with reports of premium travel, high-price security and ties to lobbyists. Myron Ebell, who led President Trump's EPA transition team, told E&E News that Pruitt has been consequential in achieving the president's goals. Pruitt has proposed repealing several Obama-era regulations, winning plaudits from free-market and business groups that have long battled with EPA. "We're getting the word out that Administrator Pruitt is doing a good job in implementing the president's agenda and Administrator Pruitt is a key part of that agenda," Ebell said. "We're trying to keep the free-market groups and the conservative groups together in support of the agenda." Ebell, director of the Competitive Enterprise Institute's Center for Energy and Environment, talked to E&E News on his way to EPA headquarters today to attend Pruitt's announcement of the rollback of Obama-era auto fuel efficiency standards. Ebell declined to speculate whether Pruitt's job is in jeopardy."

[HYPERLINK "<https://hotair.com/archives/2018/04/04/interview-scott-pruitt-talking-regulatory-reform-scandals-rfs-swamp-monsters/>"] **Pruitt talks streamlining the agency, RFS, and "the swamp."** Administrator Pruitt does not admit to being a cryptozoological creature, nor can he confirm that he will be starring as a villain in an upcoming Marvel superhero movie. There's more about the EPA's move to only accept real science rather than secret science in their decision-making process as well as some hints at new regulatory moves on the horizon.



[HYPERLINK "<https://www.npr.org/2018/04/04/599361744/working-with-scott-pruitt>"] **Lawyer David Rivkin worked with Pruitt and talks with NPR's David Greene.**



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Working With Scott Pruitt

April 4, 2018 · 5:08 AM ET
Heard on Morning Edition

Political pressure is building on Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt. Lawyer David Rivkin worked with Pruitt and talks with NPR's David Greene.

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING...

[HYPERLINK "<http://dailymail.com/2018/04/if-environmental-radicals-are-in-full-panic-mode-over-scott-pruitt-at-epa-that-means-he-is-doing-a-good-job/>"] **If environmental radicals are in full panic mode over Scott Pruitt at EPA, that means he is doing a good job.** "The left has spent over a decade trying to expand the influence and oversight of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), but the American people voted against this influence when they elected President Trump to prioritize economic advancement. Trump followed through on this promise by appointing Scott Pruitt as EPA Administrator. The left is now trying everything to destroy his position and defame his record, but Pruitt must power through, his job is far too important...Scott Pruitt has done his job, and he has done it well. All the left's continued attacks prove is that it is willing to dismiss facts in favor of pushing an agenda. Pruitt must continue charting the EPA's path toward a balance between environmental concerns and economic development and security, rather than be distracted by the baseless attacks from political opponents, and President Trump needs to stand behind this stalwart of his administration, who is big part of what is needed to make America great again."

[HYPERLINK "<http://www.freedomworks.org/content/freedomworks-foundation-praises-scott-pruitt%E2%80%99s-record-epa>"]: **Continues to support the leadership of Administrator Scott Pruitt.** "Adam Brandon: 'Scott Pruitt has worked hard to return the EPA to its core mission: protecting the environment as directed by Congress; instead of the rogue assault on the rule of law, freedom, and the economy that we saw in the prior administration.' Ken Cuccinelli: 'Unlike his predecessors, EPA Administrator Pruitt has core environmental accomplishments to his credit: like actually making progress on the long-dormant superfund sites and attacking the problem of lead in drinking water. These are basic responsibilities for the EPA, yet they were abject failures prior to Pruitt's arrival.'"

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(1/3) Let me get this straight

The media is attacking EPA Commissioner, Scott Pruitt, because they say he paid too much for certain plane tickets, but too little for renting a room to sleep in?...Also they are attacking him because he pays women as much as men in the same roles

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Their phony, hypocritical attacks ring are pathetic...

The truth is, they despise him because he is rare combination of intellect, competence and fearlessness and their liberal friends feel threatened by him...

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Other than @POTUS, there is arguably no individual in America doing more to cut red tape and instill common sense into the political swamp than @EPAScottPruitt ...

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The job creators in America (and this governor, among others) are grateful to @EPAScottPruitt for his efforts, and look forward to many more years of his bold, transformational leadership at @EPA

Ignore the nattering nabobs of negativism and keep marching...

Onward and upward!

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This Pruitt flap is absurd. Obama EPA officials spent as much or more on travel. And career EPA ethics officials say he paid "reasonable market value" for the condo, and leasor had no business in front of EPA. The press might at least try to pretend it didn't have two standards.

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The media & other resistance leaders biggest target is Scott Pruitt. He's easily the most effective cabinet secretary. Would be huge victory for them, and huge loss for Trump, if they can pressure POTUS here.

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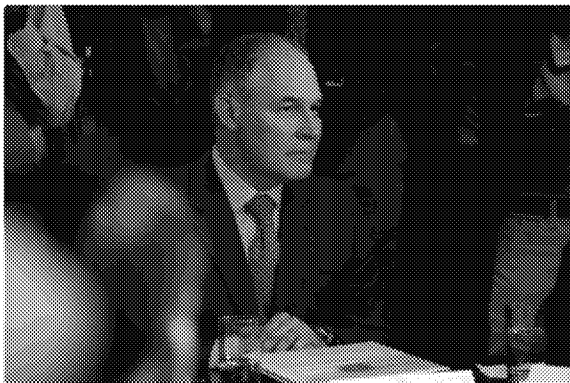


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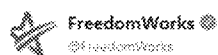


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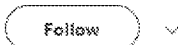
It's no surprise that the media is fixated on Scott Pruitt's living arrangements rather than praising his EPA reforms. #AMPFW



While media fixate on Scott Pruitt's living arrangements, his EPA reforms are ...
President Trump's EPA appears poised to liberate American consumers from
Obama-era vehicle regulations rooted in misguided climate change policies
[washingtoninsider.com](http://www.washingtoninsider.com)

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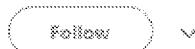
Scott Pruitt and Jeff Sessions are two of my fav cabinet picks Trump made. He really needs to back these guys... They're doing good things.

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Thanks @EPAScottPruitt for advancing 22 deregulatory actions saving \$1 billion for #America helping #counties #Transportation champion of #WaterRights @NACoTweets @myokacco

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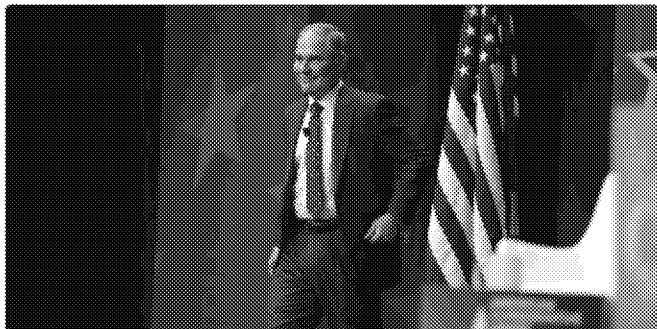


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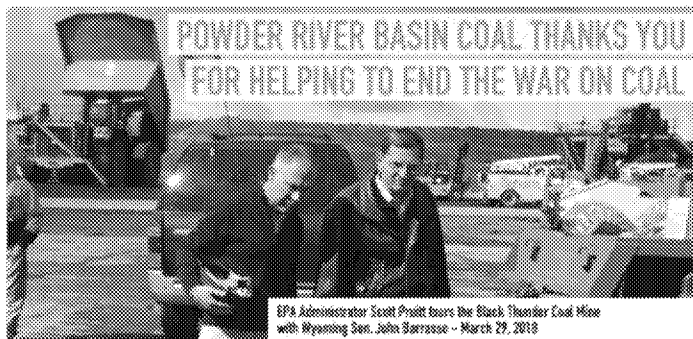


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Thank you to @EPAScottPruitt and
@WhiteHouse for helping to end the war on
coal -- affordable & reliable coal powers the
nation! #countoncoal



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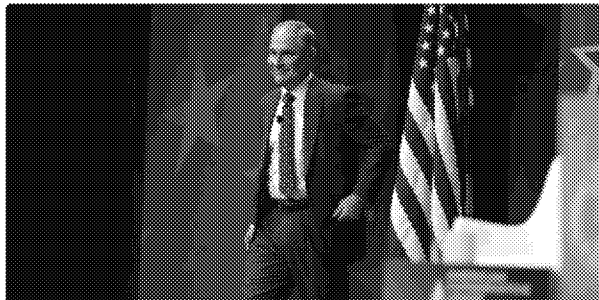
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These liars cannot be allowed to win.

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Arkansas Farm Bureau President Randy Veach talks about a new level of cooperation with @EPA after meeting recently with @EPAScottPruitt and then following up Tuesday with a conversation with ROA Region 6 administrator Anne Idsal. See the video here: [facebook.com/ArkansasFarmBu ...](https://facebook.com/ArkansasFarmBureau)

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[HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2018/04/03/epas-pruitt-gave-big-raises-to-two-close-aides-after-being-rebuffed-by-the-white-house/?utm_term=.d2335ba3a1ab"]

"Administrator Pruitt has been instrumental in carrying out President Trump's deregulatory agenda at the EPA," Inhofe said in a statement. "I look forward to continuing to work with him to restore the EPA to its proper size and scope."

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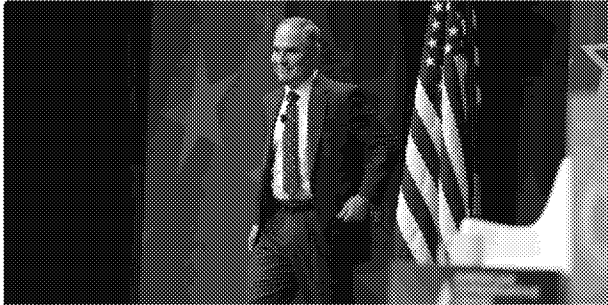


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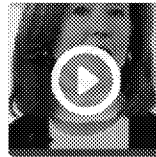
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3 reasons why the left is going bonkers over
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Hint: It's not about his bedroom rental.



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The Daily Signal's Genevieve Wood explains why the left is going after Scott Pruitt.

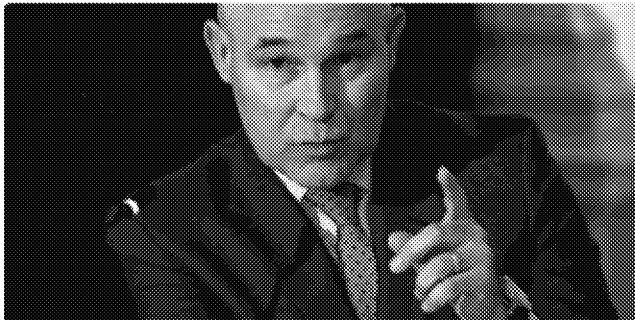
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In his first year as administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Scott Pruitt has transformed the agency. The Daily Signal speaks to him a...

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"This notion that we cannot be about jobs and stewardship of the environment is just simply not right," says @EPAScottPruitt. "We can do both together."

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Message

From: Jackson, Ryan [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=38BC8E18791A47D88A279DB2FEC8BD60-JACKSON, RY]
Sent: 4/11/2018 5:08:34 PM
To: Ari Natter [anatter5@bloomberg.net]
Subject: RE: Can you send me your statement?

I did see it.

From: Ari Natter (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) [mailto:anatter5@bloomberg.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 12:23 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Can you send me your statement?

You see this Daily Caller story that says White House is considering replacing Pruitt with Andrew Wheeler? <http://dailycaller.com/2018/04/11/source-white-house-mulls-replacing-pruitt/>

Ari Natter
Reporter
Bloomberg News

Ex. 6

@AriNatter
Stories: bloom.bg/2mBBE2I

From: jackson.ryan@epa.gov **At:** 04/10/18 17:51:07
To: [Ari Natter \(BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM: \)](#)
Subject: RE: Can you send me your statement?

We are sending this out shortly

EPA STATEMENT: "We do not comment on personnel matters. The action today was based on a recommendation by the Office of Administration and Resources Management. I am not aware of any connection between the personnel matter and the document mentioned in media report."

- Donna Vizian, EPA Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator

From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 5:45 PM

To: 'Ari Natter' <anatter5@bloomberg.net>
Subject: RE: Can you send me your statement?

Night, morning, all the time...

From: Ari Natter (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:)
[<mailto:anatter5@bloomberg.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 5:43 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Can you send me your statement?

And I appreciate your help. Can we do a phone call sometime? I take it you are a night owl?

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From: Ryan Jackson <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
To: ARI NATTER
At: 10-Apr-2018 17:41:43

I doubt it, but I appreciate the invitation.

From: Ari Natter (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:)
[<mailto:anatter5@bloomberg.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 5:40 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Can you send me your statement?

Thanks. Can you make it to our bureau party this evening?

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----- Original Message -----

From: Ryan Jackson <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>

To: ARI NATTER

At: 10-Apr-2018 17:35:55

The answer to your question is that there's not a connection. Frankly this is extremely coincidental. EPA is issuing a new statement shortly.

Ryan Jackson

Chief of Staff

U.S. EPA

Ex. 6

On Apr 9, 2018, at 9:40 PM, Ari Natter (BLOOMBERG/NEWSROOM:) <anatter5@bloomberg.net> wrote:

<https://www.politico.com/story/2018/04/09/pruitt-epa-raises-511112>

Thanks man

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Message

From: Jackson, Ryan [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=38BC8E18791A47D88A279DB2FEC8BD60-JACKSON, RY]
Sent: 4/5/2018 12:22:24 AM
To: stacy_mcbride@blunt.senate.gov
Subject: RE: Pruitt record
Attachments: Pruitt coverage highlights.docx

One more piece of information

From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Tuesday, April 3, 2018 3:33 PM
To: 'stacy_mcbride@blunt.senate.gov' <stacy_mcbride@blunt.senate.gov>
Subject: Pruitt record

Stacy, as an Interior/Environment appropriator, I'm sure your boss will receive questions concerning Pruitt. We are trying to keep things on the record over the past year. Happy to answer any questions about anything and hope the attached and following help your office with both.

"In just one year, we have made tremendous progress implementing President Trump's agenda by refocusing the Agency to its core mission, restoring power to the states through cooperative federalism, and adhering to the rule of law," **said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt**. "The American people can now trust that states and stakeholders will be treated as partners, and regulations will provide clarity, not confusion."

The sum of these actions is monumental: In year one, ***EPA finalized 22 deregulatory actions, which could save Americans more than \$1 billion in regulatory costs.***

By the Numbers:

✓ **IMPLEMENTING EXECUTIVE ORDERS (E.O.):** EPA quickly acted on President Donald Trump's E.O. to review the 2015 definition of "Waters of the U.S.;" President Trump's Energy Independence E.O. to propose a repeal of the so-called "Clean Power Plan;" and President Trump's "Regulatory Reform" E.O. 13777 by finalizing two deregulatory actions for each regulatory action – with ZERO net costs to the U.S. economy.

✓ **REGULATORY REFORM:** 22 deregulatory actions were finalized, which could save more than \$1 billion in regulatory costs; EPA also initiated work on an additional 44 deregulatory actions and announced the reconsideration of over a dozen overreaching and burdensome regulations.

✓ **OUTREACH:** Administrator Pruitt consulted with 95 bipartisan members of Congress, 34 bipartisan governors, visited 30 states and U.S. territories, and met with over 350 stakeholder groups.

✓ **AIR:** EPA acted on 322 State Implementation Plans (SIPs) and turned one Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) into a SIP each month since March 1, 2017.

✓ WATER: 3,000 Total Maximum Daily Loads were approved and EPA focused on the priority water bodies selected by states. EPA also: cut the amount of time it took to review state water quality standards in half (from 120 days to 60); committed \$25 million in water infrastructure loans; disbursed \$8.9 billion in State Revolving Funds to improve our nation's water quality; and awarded \$100 million to Flint, Michigan for water infrastructure upgrades.

✓ LAND: Seven contaminated sites were eliminated, substantially or entirely, from the National Priorities List (NPL) of contaminated sites; only two sites were removed the previous year. EPA also awarded \$60 million in Brownfields cleanup grants to local communities.

✓ CHEMICALS: 600 new chemical submissions were stuck in the Agency's backlog as of January 2017; EPA cleared the backlog and ensured that all new chemicals coming to market received a safety determination within about 90 days.

✓ ENFORCEMENT: In FY17, \$1.6 billion was collected in administrative and civil judicial penalties, higher than any of the previous ten years, other than FY16, which included one \$5.7 billion action taken. EPA also celebrated an increase in the value of commitments by private parties to clean up land to more than \$1.2 billion, an increase in the total of criminal fines, restitution and mitigation to \$2.98 billion, and an increase in the value of actions to improve compliance to nearly \$20 billion.

For full review click [here](#).

Ryan Jackson
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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[HYPERLINK "<http://thefederalist.com/2018/04/04/scott-pruitt-is-trumps-biggest-asset-thats-why-the-left-wants-him-gone/>"]: **Scott Pruitt Is Trump's Biggest Asset. That's Why the Left Wants Him Gone.** "After Donald Trump, the individual in DC with the biggest target on his back is Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt. When he was attorney general of Oklahoma, he sued the EPA more than a dozen times to get the powerful regulatory agency to stay within its legal authority. His nomination was deeply concerning to radical environmentalists inside and outside the media. As a result, he and his team have been under a microscope since even before his confirmation in early 2017. Well-funded environmental groups, many with former EPA staffers, deluge the agency with FOIA requests to catch someone in a scandal. Unlike how they covered Obama-era EPA administrators, media outlets constantly request information about everything Pruitt does, from his schedule to his travel particulars. Whipped-up partisans have made unprecedented numbers of death threats against him and his family. Powerful liberals opine against him."

[HYPERLINK "<https://www.redstate.com/streiff/2018/04/04/people-supposed-conservative-trying-torpedo-scott-pruitt/>"] **Why are people who are supposed to be conservative trying to torpedo Scott Pruitt?** "Pruitt is a guy we should all be lining up to defend. Under Pruitt, the EPA accepted responsibility for the disastrous spill it created at the Gold King mine in Colorado. And he committed substantial resources to the clean-up. He's prioritized the clean-up of Super Fund sites that have lingered for decades. He has taken fire and sword to the onerous regulatory strait jacket the Obama administration tried to impose on the US economy. Pruitt had begun the repeal of Obama's Clean Power Plan coal regs and the Obama-era Clean Power Plan. Under Pruitt, an executive order was issued to rescind the EPA's overreaching Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule that often allowed the EPA to claim jurisdiction over literal mudholes."

[HYPERLINK "<http://thehill.com/opinion/energy-environment/381508-epa-chief-scott-pruitt-gets-results-thats-why-hes-a-target-of-the>"] **EPA Chief Scott Pruitt Gets Results — That's Why He's A Target Of The Left.** "President Donald Trump is standing by his embattled Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt, according to reports. Let's be clear, that is good thing for both Trump and the country. Pruitt is one of the shining stars of the Trump administration, and no one who supports the president's "Make America Great Again" agenda should want him replaced...Yet some hope that by attacking Pruitt on fake ethics charges, the media-created scandal will cause the Trump White House to either foolishly force Pruitt out or cause him to throw up his hands in disgust and resign. This would be a disaster for President Trump and all of us who care about his success."

[HYPERLINK "<https://www.themaven.net/theresurgent/erick-erickson/firing-scott-pruitt-will-only-embolden-the-left-98kPgKgnh06CbFwqAwBc9A/>"] **Firing Scott Pruitt Will Only Embolden the Left.** "Scott Pruitt is being targeted because he is effective. The President needs to stand behind Pruitt. It is an open secret in Washington that a leftwing opposition research firm has hired investigators to dig into Trump Administration officials. It is no coincidence that many of the accusations, like with former Secretary of Health and Human Services Tom Price, involve private air travel and the like. It is what these investigators focus on to give the media easy stories."

[HYPERLINK "<https://www.dailysignal.com/2018/04/04/3-reasons-left-hates-scott-pruitt/>"] **3 Reasons the Left Hates Scott Pruitt.** "From the Clean Power Plan, which was all about Obama's climate agenda and which had nothing to do with creating clean air (we already have laws about that), to the Waters of the United States regulation which could turn a puddle in your front yard into environmentally-protected swamp land—Pruitt has been rolling back many of the regulations put in place by Obama's overzealous, power-grabbing, and arguably unconstitutional EPA."

[HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2018/apr/3/president-trump-should-stand-his-man-epa-scott-pru/?utm_campaign=shareaholic&utm_medium=twitter&utm_source=socialnetwork"]: **President Trump should stand by his man at EPA; Scott Pruitt deserves no less.** "EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt has been the most effective cabinet secretary President Trump has had during his 14-month presidency. He has loyally carried out the president's aggressive

agenda against out-of-control federal regulations that stifle economic growth and kill American jobs. Pruitt has faithfully fulfilled Trump's campaign promises by rolling back Obama-era environmental overreach and halting most new regulations that were in the pipeline when he inherited the bloated agency from his predecessor, Gina McCarthy. Pruitt has spearheaded Trump's agenda with impactful moves like pulling out of the Paris climate accords, reforming CAFE standards and rolling back the obtrusive way the EPA administered the Clean Water Act. As the man willing to attack these sacred cows of the Left Pruitt has been rewarded with legitimate and specific death threats against himself and his family."

[[HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/while-media-fixate-on-scott-pruitts-living-arrangements-his-epa-reforms-are-praiseworthy"](https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/while-media-fixate-on-scott-pruitts-living-arrangements-his-epa-reforms-are-praiseworthy)]: **While media fixate on Scott Pruitt's living arrangements, his EPA reforms are praiseworthy.** "Pruitt's efforts to alleviate the regulatory burden on average Americans while working to restore sound scientific practices within the EPA arguably rank among the Trump administration's most significant policy achievements. EPA officials quoted in the press have said Pruitt's living arrangements did not violate ethics rules. Even if there is no technical violation, appearances matter in Washington. That's especially true for someone who has been remarkably effective up until now in advancing the Trump administration's efforts to free the economy from centralized planning in Washington."

[[HYPERLINK "https://www.dailysignal.com/2018/04/03/ethics-officials-okd-bedroom-rental-epa-chief-says/"](https://www.dailysignal.com/2018/04/03/ethics-officials-okd-bedroom-rental-epa-chief-says/)]: **Exclusive: EPA Chief Scott Pruitt Says Media Reports About Him Don't Tell True Story.** "'We had a memo and a statement from career ethics officials here that have actually reviewed the lease, that actually reviewed comps—comparables of similar units,' Pruitt, the former attorney general of Oklahoma, told The Daily Signal. 'And I think what's missed in this: I didn't rent a unit,' Pruitt said. 'I didn't rent an apartment. This was an Airbnb-type situation where I rented literally one room that was used in a temporary status, until I found more permanent residence.'"

[[HYPERLINK "https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2018/04/04/president-trump-his-corner-scott-pruitts-job-epa-looks-safe-now/485083002/"](https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2018/04/04/president-trump-his-corner-scott-pruitts-job-epa-looks-safe-now/485083002/)] **With President Trump in his corner, Scott Pruitt's job at EPA looks safe – for now.** "'Why go and replace someone who's doing a very good job (carrying out) the president's agenda,' said Jason Miller, a former senior communications adviser to the Trump campaign and transition team. 'It hasn't gone unnoticed that Administrator Pruitt is accomplishing a lot for the president and in a much quicker time period than anyone thought possible.'"

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[[HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/washington-secrets/scott-pruitt-washington-toxic-critics-trying-stop-trump-agenda"](https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/washington-secrets/scott-pruitt-washington-toxic-critics-trying-stop-trump-agenda)]: **Embattled Scott Pruitt Rips 'Toxic' Washington, Says Critics 'Will Resort To Anything' To Stop Trump Agenda.** "EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt on Tuesday forcefully pushed back against criticism that he won a short-term sweetheart rental deal from a lobbyist friend, claiming it's just the latest attempt by his and the president's attackers to 'resort to anything' to stop their agenda. 'There are people that have long in this town done business a different way and this agency has been the poster child of it. And so do I think that because we are leading on this agenda that there are some who want to keep that from happening? Absolutely. And do I think that they will resort to anything to achieve that? Yes,' he said in an interview with Secrets. 'It's toxic here in that regard,' said Pruitt, one of a handful of President's Trump's agency heads who is scoring wins on his pro-jobs, anti-regulatory campaign. Pruitt, speaking confidently about his future, said that critics who have focused on his \$50 a night room rental in an Airbnb-style townhouse and his air travel are really out to stop the administration's anti-regulatory effort that has saved \$8 billion overall and \$1 billion in reduced Environmental Protection Agency regulations."

[HYPERLINK "<https://www.cnn.com/2018/04/03/politics/scott-pruitt-donald-trump-environment-policy/index.html>"] **EPA's Pruitt Fulfilling Trump's Anti-Regulatory Agenda.** "Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt is drawing scrutiny for his housing situation and travel practices, but in his role as the nation's top environmental official, he's a reliable administration foot soldier, making good on President Donald Trump's campaign promises for fewer environmental regulations and to withdraw from the Paris climate agreement. Since he was confirmed to the job last February, Pruitt has taken an aggressive approach to rolling back Obama-era regulations, most recently this week's announcement that he would revise fuel efficiency rules designed to cut back on emissions of greenhouse gases. "This is another step in the President's regulatory agenda, de-regulatory agenda ... a billion dollars in savings with respect to over 22 significant regulatory actions that we've been involved in here at the agency," Pruitt said at EPA headquarters Tuesday."

[HYPERLINK "<https://www.eenews.net/stories/1060078051>"] **Conservatives Rally Behind Pruitt.** "Conservatives are supporting U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt as he struggles with reports of premium travel, high-price security and ties to lobbyists. Myron Ebell, who led President Trump's EPA transition team, told E&E News that Pruitt has been consequential in achieving the president's goals. Pruitt has proposed repealing several Obama-era regulations, winning plaudits from free-market and business groups that have long battled with EPA. "We're getting the word out that Administrator Pruitt is doing a good job in implementing the president's agenda and Administrator Pruitt is a key part of that agenda," Ebell said. "We're trying to keep the free-market groups and the conservative groups together in support of the agenda." Ebell, director of the Competitive Enterprise Institute's Center for Energy and Environment, talked to E&E News on his way to EPA headquarters today to attend Pruitt's announcement of the rollback of Obama-era auto fuel efficiency standards. Ebell declined to speculate whether Pruitt's job is in jeopardy."

[HYPERLINK "<https://hotair.com/archives/2018/04/04/interview-scott-pruitt-talking-regulatory-reform-scandals-rfs-swamp-monsters/>"] **Pruitt talks streamlining the agency, RFS, and "the swamp."** Administrator Pruitt does not admit to being a cryptozoological creature, nor can he confirm that he will be starring as a villain in an upcoming Marvel superhero movie. There's more about the EPA's move to only accept real science rather than secret science in their decision-making process as well as some hints at new regulatory moves on the horizon.



[HYPERLINK "<https://www.npr.org/2018/04/04/599361744/working-with-scott-pruitt>"] **Lawyer David Rivkin worked with Pruitt and talks with NPR's David Greene.**



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Working With Scott Pruitt

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Political pressure is building on Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt. Lawyer David Rivkin worked with Pruitt and talks with NPR's David Greene.

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING...

[HYPERLINK "<http://dailytorch.com/2018/04/if-environmental-radicals-are-in-full-panic-mode-over-scott-pruitt-at-epa-that-means-he-is-doing-a-good-job/>"] **If environmental radicals are in full panic mode over Scott Pruitt at EPA, that means he is doing a good job.** "The left has spent over a decade trying to expand the influence and oversight of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), but the American people voted against this influence when they elected President Trump to prioritize economic advancement. Trump followed through on this promise by appointing Scott Pruitt as EPA Administrator. The left is now trying everything to destroy his position and defame his record, but Pruitt must power through, his job is far too important...Scott Pruitt has done his job, and he has done it well. All the left's continued attacks prove is that it is willing to dismiss facts in favor of pushing an agenda. Pruitt must continue charting the EPA's path toward a balance between environmental concerns and economic development and security, rather than be distracted by the baseless attacks from political opponents, and President Trump needs to stand behind this stalwart of his administration, who is big part of what is needed to make America great again."

[HYPERLINK "<http://www.freedomworks.org/content/freedomworks-foundation-praises-scott-pruitt%E2%80%99s-record-epa>"]: **Continues to support the leadership of Administrator Scott Pruitt.** "Adam Brandon: 'Scott Pruitt has worked hard to return the EPA to its core mission: protecting the environment as directed by Congress; instead of the rogue assault on the rule of law, freedom, and the economy that we saw in the prior administration.' Ken Cuccinelli: 'Unlike his predecessors, EPA Administrator Pruitt has core environmental accomplishments to his credit: like actually making progress on the long-dormant superfund sites and attacking the problem of lead in drinking water. These are basic responsibilities for the EPA, yet they were abject failures prior to Pruitt's arrival.'"

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(1/3) Let me get this straight

The media is attacking EPA Commissioner, Scott Pruitt, because they say he paid too much for certain plane tickets, but too little for renting a room to sleep in?...Also they are attacking him because he pays women as much as men in the same roles

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The job creators in America (and this governor, among others) are grateful to @EPAScottPruitt for his efforts, and look forward to many more years of his bold, transformational leadership at @EPA

Ignore the nattering nabobs of negativism and keep marching...

Onward and upward!

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This Pruitt flap is absurd. Obama EPA officials spent as much or more on travel. And career EPA ethics officials say he paid "reasonable market value" for the condo, and leasor had no business in front of EPA. The press might at least try to pretend it didn't have two standards.

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The media & other resistance leaders biggest target is Scott Pruitt. He's easily the most effective cabinet secretary. Would be huge victory for them, and huge loss for Trump, if they can pressure POTUS here.

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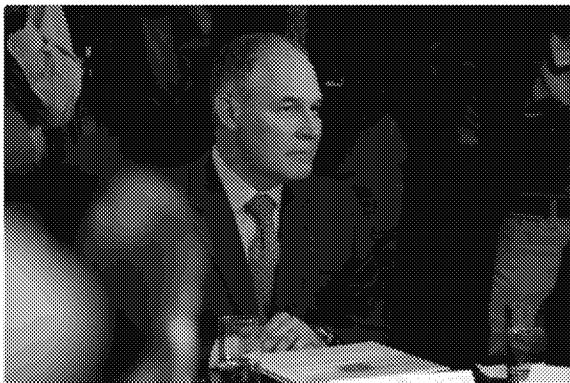


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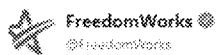


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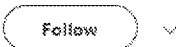
It's no surprise that the media is fixated on Scott Pruitt's living arrangements rather than praising his EPA reforms. #AMPFW



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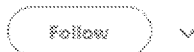
Scott Pruitt and Jeff Sessions are two of my fav cabinet picks Trump made. He really needs to back these guys... They're doing good things.

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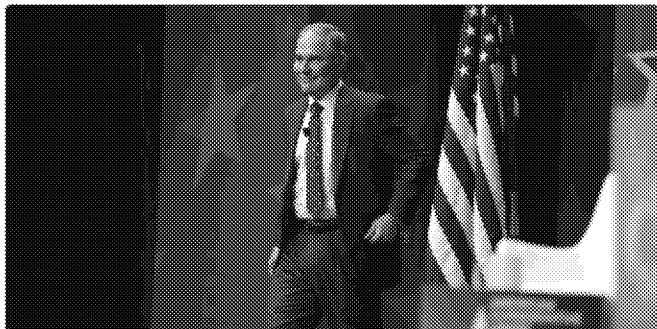


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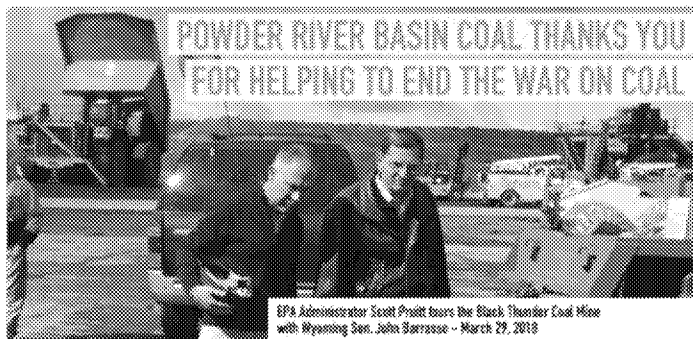


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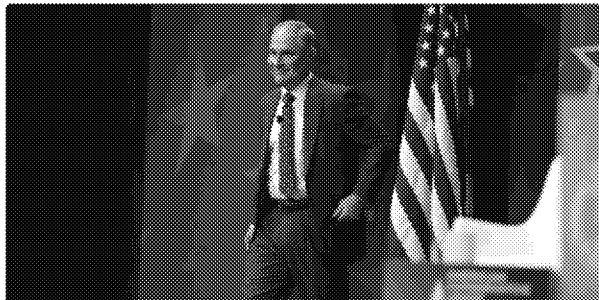
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Arkansas Farm Bureau President Randy Veach talks about a new level of cooperation with @EPA after meeting recently with @EPAScottPruitt and then following up Tuesday with a conversation with ROA Region 6 administrator Anne Idsal. See the video here: [facebook.com/ArkansasFarmBu ...](https://www.facebook.com/ArkansasFarmBureau)

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"Administrator Pruitt has been instrumental in carrying out President Trump's deregulatory agenda at the EPA," Inhofe said in a statement. "I look forward to continuing to work with him to restore the EPA to its proper size and scope."

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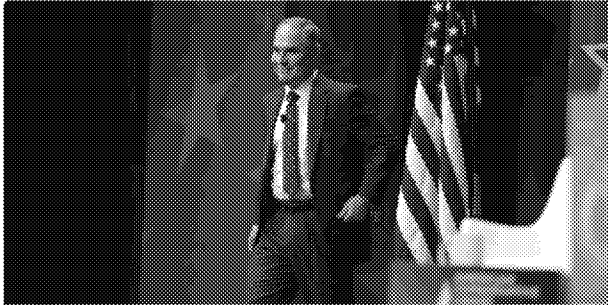


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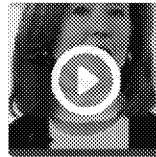
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3 reasons why the left is going bonkers over
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The Daily Signal's Genevieve Wood explains why the left is going after Scott Pruitt.

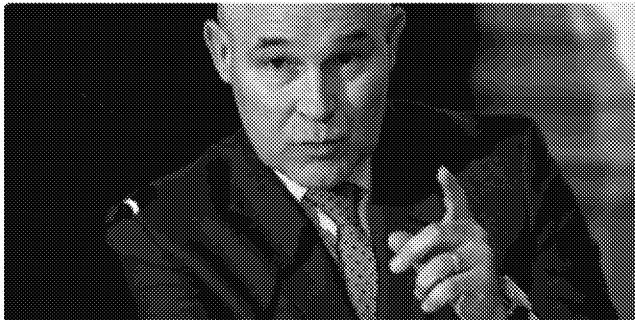
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"This notion that we cannot be about jobs and stewardship of the environment is just simply not right," says @EPAScottPruitt. "We can do both together."

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Laura, may I reach you this weekend? My cell is Ex. 6 Thanks.

Ryan Jackson
Chief of Staff
U.S. EPA
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Subject: Pruitt record
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Ryan, as an Interior/Environment appropriator, I'm sure your boss will receive questions concerning Pruitt. We are trying to keep things on the record over the past year. Happy to answer any questions about anything and hope the attached and following help your office with both.

"In just one year, we have made tremendous progress implementing President Trump's agenda by refocusing the Agency to its core mission, restoring power to the states through cooperative federalism, and adhering to the rule of law," said **EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt**. "The American people can now trust that states and stakeholders will be treated as partners, and regulations will provide clarity, not confusion."

The sum of these actions is monumental: In year one, ***EPA finalized 22 deregulatory actions, which could save Americans more than \$1 billion in regulatory costs.***

By the Numbers:

✓ **IMPLEMENTING EXECUTIVE ORDERS (E.O.):** EPA quickly acted on President Donald Trump's E.O. to review the 2015 definition of "Waters of the U.S.;" President Trump's Energy Independence E.O. to propose a repeal of the so-called "Clean Power Plan;" and President Trump's "Regulatory Reform" E.O. 13777 by finalizing two deregulatory actions for each regulatory action – with ZERO net costs to the U.S. economy.

✓ **REGULATORY REFORM:** 22 deregulatory actions were finalized, which could save more than \$1 billion in regulatory costs; EPA also initiated work on an additional 44 deregulatory actions and announced the reconsideration of over a dozen overreaching and burdensome regulations.

✓ **OUTREACH:** Administrator Pruitt consulted with 95 bipartisan members of Congress, 34 bipartisan governors, visited 30 states and U.S. territories, and met with over 350 stakeholder groups.

✓ **AIR:** EPA acted on 322 State Implementation Plans (SIPs) and turned one Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) into a SIP each month since March 1, 2017.

✓ **WATER:** 3,000 Total Maximum Daily Loads were approved and EPA focused on the priority water bodies selected by states. EPA also: cut the amount of time it took to review state water quality standards in half (from 120 days to 60); committed \$25 million in water infrastructure loans; disbursed \$8.9 billion in State Revolving Funds to improve our nation's water quality; and awarded \$100 million to Flint, Michigan for water infrastructure upgrades.

✓ LAND: Seven contaminated sites were eliminated, substantially or entirely, from the National Priorities List (NPL) of contaminated sites; only two sites were removed the previous year. EPA also awarded \$60 million in Brownfields cleanup grants to local communities.

✓ CHEMICALS: 600 new chemical submissions were stuck in the Agency's backlog as of January 2017; EPA cleared the backlog and ensured that all new chemicals coming to market received a safety determination within about 90 days.

✓ ENFORCEMENT: In FY17, \$1.6 billion was collected in administrative and civil judicial penalties, higher than any of the previous ten years, other than FY16, which included one \$5.7 billion action taken. EPA also celebrated an increase in the value of commitments by private parties to clean up land to more than \$1.2 billion, an increase in the total of criminal fines, restitution and mitigation to \$2.98 billion, and an increase in the value of actions to improve compliance to nearly \$20 billion.

For full review click [here](#).

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Chief of Staff
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Washington, D.C. 20460

MAR 30 2018

OFFICE OF
GENERAL COUNSEL

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Review of Lease Agreement Under the Federal Ethics Regulations Regarding Gifts

FROM: Kevin S. Minoli *KS*
Designated Agency Ethics Official &
Principal Deputy General Counsel

TO: Matthew Z. Leopold
General Counsel

As requested, the Ethics Office reviewed the lease agreement entered into by E. Scott Pruitt (TENANT) and Vicki Hart (LANDLORD) under the federal ethics regulations regarding gifts. The regulations issued by the Office of Government Ethics are clear that if a federal employee pays market value for something, it is by definition not a gift under those regulations. 5 C.F.R. 2635.203(b)(10)(excluding from the definition of gift "[a]nything for which market value is paid by the employee"). Market value for rental apartments is commonly thought of in terms of rental cost per month. Under the terms of the lease, if the space was utilized for one 30-day month, then the rental cost would be \$1500, which is a reasonable market value. The lease authorized use by the Administrator and his immediate family, specifically including his spouse and children, and consistent with that provision of the lease his immediate family did stay there when they were in Washington, DC. The lease did not require payment when the property was not utilized. Neither of these two provisions render the rental cost under the lease as something other than market value. Therefore, entering into the lease was consistent with federal ethics regulations regarding gifts, and use of the property in accordance with the lease agreement did not constitute a gift as defined in those regulations.

Internal/Deliberative Process
EPA REGULATORY REFORM UNDER ADMINISTRATOR PRUITT'S LEADERSHIP
Updated March 16, 2018

OVERVIEW:

- Administrator Pruitt is working to fulfill EPA's core mission of protecting our environment while implementing President Trump's executive orders to reduce unnecessary regulatory burdens, save manufacturing jobs, streamline our permitting processes, and promote American energy independence and rural prosperity.

REGULATORY STATISTICS UNDER THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION:

- According to the White House Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) most recent report to Congress on the Benefits and Costs of Federal Regulations, over the last decade, EPA regulations imposed annual costs of **\$43.2 to 50.9 billion** – more than the cost of all other federal agencies *combined*.
- That same report showed that, over the last decade, EPA issued more major rules¹ than *any* other federal agency.
- According to EPA's internal database, the Agency issued 20 deregulatory actions from 2009 to 2017.

REDUCING UNNECESSARY REGULATORY BURDEN UNDER ADMINISTRATOR PRUITT:

- In accordance with E.O. 13771, for Fiscal Year 2017, EPA finalized at least 2 deregulatory actions for each new regulatory action. Additionally, EPA rules imposed no new net costs. EPA expects to impose no additional net costs in Fiscal Year 2018 as well.
- Under Administrator Pruitt's leadership, EPA has finalized **24 deregulatory actions** that saved the American people more than **\$1 billion** in regulatory costs.
- EPA has also initiated work on an additional 42 deregulatory actions.

OTHER REGULATORY REFORM MEASURES:

- Issued an Agency-wide directive in October 2017 to end "sue and settle" practices within the Agency, putting an end to regulation by litigation.
- Issued a directive in October 2017 to ensure the independence of EPA's Federal Advisory Committees (FACs) by prohibiting members from serving on a FAC while simultaneously receiving grants from the Agency. In addition, the directive called for more geographic diversity on FACs, more frequent rotation in membership, and greater involvement by state, local, and tribal officials.
- Develop a directive to strengthen transparency and reproducibility for EPA's regulatory science.
- Develop an ANPRM on Increasing Consistency, Reliability, and Transparency in the Rulemaking Process to help inform implementing regulations for how EPA evaluates costs and benefits of rules. The Agency plans to issue this ANPRM in April 2018.
- Improve EPA's internal rulemaking process by updating the *Guidelines for Producing Economic Analysis*, which govern how the Agency conducts benefit-cost analysis and other regulatory impact analyses.
- EPA was the first federal agency to provide updated estimates of the social cost of carbon and methane consistent with E.O. 13783 (e.g, 2016 SCC=\$36/metric ton CO₂ @3% in 2015; 2017 SCC=\$5/metric ton CO₂ @3% in 2015).
- Issue permitting decisions in 6 months by 2020.
- Reduce the regulated community reporting and recordkeeping burden by 10 million hours by 2022.

¹ For which both benefits and costs have been estimated

KEY DEREGULATORY ACTIONS:

- ✓ **WOTUS:** EPA estimated the 2015 WOTUS rule had an annualized cost of up to \$462.9 million. Per E.O. 13778, EPA and the Army Corps issued a proposed repeal of the rule in June 2017, which could produce \$313.9 million in annualized cost-savings. In January 2018, the agencies issued a final rule to change the applicability date of the rule to February 2020 to allow time to reconsider the rule. As a second step, the agencies are developing a revised definition of WOTUS.
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Sent: 4/3/2018 5:01:57 PM
To: Tomassi, Chris (Appropriations) [Chris_Tomassi@appro.senate.gov]
Subject: EPA year end accomplishments
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The following is a one pager from our accomplishments report with background ---

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Internal/Deliberative Process
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Updated March 16, 2018

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One more piece of information

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[HYPERLINK "<https://www.redstate.com/streiff/2018/04/04/people-supposed-conservative-trying-torpedo-scott-pruitt/>"] **Why are people who are supposed to be conservative trying to torpedo Scott Pruitt?** "Pruitt is a guy we should all be lining up to defend. Under Pruitt, the EPA accepted responsibility for the disastrous spill it created at the Gold King mine in Colorado. And he committed substantial resources to the clean-up. He's prioritized the clean-up of Super Fund sites that have lingered for decades. He has taken fire and sword to the onerous regulatory strait jacket the Obama administration tried to impose on the US economy. Pruitt had begun the repeal of Obama's Clean Power Plan coal regs and the Obama-era Clean Power Plan. Under Pruitt, an executive order was issued to rescind the EPA's overreaching Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule that often allowed the EPA to claim jurisdiction over literal mudholes."

[HYPERLINK "<http://thehill.com/opinion/energy-environment/381508-epa-chief-scott-pruitt-gets-results-thats-why-hes-a-target-of-the>"] **EPA Chief Scott Pruitt Gets Results — That's Why He's A Target Of The Left.** "President Donald Trump is standing by his embattled Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt, according to reports. Let's be clear, that is good thing for both Trump and the country. Pruitt is one of the shining stars of the Trump administration, and no one who supports the president's "Make America Great Again" agenda should want him replaced...Yet some hope that by attacking Pruitt on fake ethics charges, the media-created scandal will cause the Trump White House to either foolishly force Pruitt out or cause him to throw up his hands in disgust and resign. This would be a disaster for President Trump and all of us who care about his success."

[HYPERLINK "<https://www.themaven.net/theresurgent/erick-erickson/firing-scott-pruitt-will-only-embolden-the-left-98kPgKgnh06CbFwqAwBc9A/>"] **Firing Scott Pruitt Will Only Embolden the Left.** "Scott Pruitt is being targeted because he is effective. The President needs to stand behind Pruitt. It is an open secret in Washington that a leftwing opposition research firm has hired investigators to dig into Trump Administration officials. It is no coincidence that many of the accusations, like with former Secretary of Health and Human Services Tom Price, involve private air travel and the like. It is what these investigators focus on to give the media easy stories."

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[HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2018/apr/3/president-trump-should-stand-his-man-epa-scott-pru/?utm_campaign=shareaholic&utm_medium=twitter&utm_source=socialnetwork"]: **President Trump should stand by his man at EPA; Scott Pruitt deserves no less.** "EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt has been the most effective cabinet secretary President Trump has had during his 14-month presidency. He has loyally carried out the president's aggressive

agenda against out-of-control federal regulations that stifle economic growth and kill American jobs. Pruitt has faithfully fulfilled Trump's campaign promises by rolling back Obama-era environmental overreach and halting most new regulations that were in the pipeline when he inherited the bloated agency from his predecessor, Gina McCarthy. Pruitt has spearheaded Trump's agenda with impactful moves like pulling out of the Paris climate accords, reforming CAFE standards and rolling back the obtrusive way the EPA administered the Clean Water Act. As the man willing to attack these sacred cows of the Left Pruitt has been rewarded with legitimate and specific death threats against himself and his family."

[[HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/while-media-fixate-on-scott-pruitts-living-arrangements-his-epa-reforms-are-praiseworthy"](https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/while-media-fixate-on-scott-pruitts-living-arrangements-his-epa-reforms-are-praiseworthy)]: **While media fixate on Scott Pruitt's living arrangements, his EPA reforms are praiseworthy.** "Pruitt's efforts to alleviate the regulatory burden on average Americans while working to restore sound scientific practices within the EPA arguably rank among the Trump administration's most significant policy achievements. EPA officials quoted in the press have said Pruitt's living arrangements did not violate ethics rules. Even if there is no technical violation, appearances matter in Washington. That's especially true for someone who has been remarkably effective up until now in advancing the Trump administration's efforts to free the economy from centralized planning in Washington."

[[HYPERLINK "https://www.dailysignal.com/2018/04/03/ethics-officials-okd-bedroom-rental-epa-chief-says/"](https://www.dailysignal.com/2018/04/03/ethics-officials-okd-bedroom-rental-epa-chief-says/)]: **Exclusive: EPA Chief Scott Pruitt Says Media Reports About Him Don't Tell True Story.** "'We had a memo and a statement from career ethics officials here that have actually reviewed the lease, that actually reviewed comps—comparables of similar units,' Pruitt, the former attorney general of Oklahoma, told The Daily Signal. 'And I think what's missed in this: I didn't rent a unit,' Pruitt said. 'I didn't rent an apartment. This was an Airbnb-type situation where I rented literally one room that was used in a temporary status, until I found more permanent residence.'"

[[HYPERLINK "https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2018/04/04/president-trump-his-corner-scott-pruitts-job-epa-looks-safe-now/485083002/"](https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2018/04/04/president-trump-his-corner-scott-pruitts-job-epa-looks-safe-now/485083002/)] **With President Trump in his corner, Scott Pruitt's job at EPA looks safe – for now.** "'Why go and replace someone who's doing a very good job (carrying out) the president's agenda,' said Jason Miller, a former senior communications adviser to the Trump campaign and transition team. 'It hasn't gone unnoticed that Administrator Pruitt is accomplishing a lot for the president and in a much quicker time period than anyone thought possible.'"

[[HYPERLINK "http://dailycaller.com/2018/04/04/conservative-pundits-rally-to-epas-scott-pruitt-as-dems-call-for-his-head/"](http://dailycaller.com/2018/04/04/conservative-pundits-rally-to-epas-scott-pruitt-as-dems-call-for-his-head/)]: **Conservative Pundits Rally to EPA's Scott Pruitt as Dems Call for His Head.** "Conservative allies have come to the aid of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt as lawmakers, environmental activists and pundits call for his resignation... Wall Street Journal columnist Kimberley Strassel called the wave of anti-Pruitt stories "absurd," pointing out that Obama EPA officials spent more on travel and that agency ethics officials approved of the administrator's temporary living arrangement in the condo."

[[HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/washington-secrets/scott-pruitt-washington-toxic-critics-trying-stop-trump-agenda"](https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/washington-secrets/scott-pruitt-washington-toxic-critics-trying-stop-trump-agenda)]: **Embattled Scott Pruitt Rips 'Toxic' Washington, Says Critics 'Will Resort To Anything' To Stop Trump Agenda.** "EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt on Tuesday forcefully pushed back against criticism that he won a short-term sweetheart rental deal from a lobbyist friend, claiming it's just the latest attempt by his and the president's attackers to 'resort to anything' to stop their agenda. 'There are people that have long in this town done business a different way and this agency has been the poster child of it. And so do I think that because we are leading on this agenda that there are some who want to keep that from happening? Absolutely. And do I think that they will resort to anything to achieve that? Yes,' he said in an interview with Secrets. 'It's toxic here in that regard,' said Pruitt, one of a handful of President's Trump's agency heads who is scoring wins on his pro-jobs, anti-regulatory campaign. Pruitt, speaking confidently about his future, said that critics who have focused on his \$50 a night room rental in an Airbnb-style townhouse and his air travel are really out to stop the administration's anti-regulatory effort that has saved \$8 billion overall and \$1 billion in reduced Environmental Protection Agency regulations."

[HYPERLINK "<https://www.cnn.com/2018/04/03/politics/scott-pruitt-donald-trump-environment-policy/index.html>"] **EPA's Pruitt Fulfilling Trump's Anti-Regulatory Agenda.** "Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt is drawing scrutiny for his housing situation and travel practices, but in his role as the nation's top environmental official, he's a reliable administration foot soldier, making good on President Donald Trump's campaign promises for fewer environmental regulations and to withdraw from the Paris climate agreement. Since he was confirmed to the job last February, Pruitt has taken an aggressive approach to rolling back Obama-era regulations, most recently this week's announcement that he would revise fuel efficiency rules designed to cut back on emissions of greenhouse gases. "This is another step in the President's regulatory agenda, de-regulatory agenda ... a billion dollars in savings with respect to over 22 significant regulatory actions that we've been involved in here at the agency," Pruitt said at EPA headquarters Tuesday."

[HYPERLINK "<https://www.eenews.net/stories/1060078051>"] **Conservatives Rally Behind Pruitt.** "Conservatives are supporting U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt as he struggles with reports of premium travel, high-price security and ties to lobbyists. Myron Ebell, who led President Trump's EPA transition team, told E&E News that Pruitt has been consequential in achieving the president's goals. Pruitt has proposed repealing several Obama-era regulations, winning plaudits from free-market and business groups that have long battled with EPA. "We're getting the word out that Administrator Pruitt is doing a good job in implementing the president's agenda and Administrator Pruitt is a key part of that agenda," Ebell said. "We're trying to keep the free-market groups and the conservative groups together in support of the agenda." Ebell, director of the Competitive Enterprise Institute's Center for Energy and Environment, talked to E&E News on his way to EPA headquarters today to attend Pruitt's announcement of the rollback of Obama-era auto fuel efficiency standards. Ebell declined to speculate whether Pruitt's job is in jeopardy."

[HYPERLINK "<https://hotair.com/archives/2018/04/04/interview-scott-pruitt-talking-regulatory-reform-scandals-rfs-swamp-monsters/>"] **Pruitt talks streamlining the agency, RFS, and "the swamp."** Administrator Pruitt does not admit to being a cryptozoological creature, nor can he confirm that he will be starring as a villain in an upcoming Marvel superhero movie. There's more about the EPA's move to only accept real science rather than secret science in their decision-making process as well as some hints at new regulatory moves on the horizon.



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WHAT THEY ARE SAYING...

[[HYPERLINK "http://dailymirror.com/2018/04/if-environmental-radicals-are-in-full-panic-mode-over-scott-pruitt-at-epa-that-means-he-is-doing-a-good-job/"](http://dailymirror.com/2018/04/if-environmental-radicals-are-in-full-panic-mode-over-scott-pruitt-at-epa-that-means-he-is-doing-a-good-job/)] **If environmental radicals are in full panic mode over Scott Pruitt at EPA, that means he is doing a good job.** "The left has spent over a decade trying to expand the influence and oversight of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), but the American people voted against this influence when they elected President Trump to prioritize economic advancement. Trump followed through on this promise by appointing Scott Pruitt as EPA Administrator. The left is now trying everything to destroy his position and defame his record, but Pruitt must power through, his job is far too important...Scott Pruitt has done his job, and he has done it well. All the left's continued attacks prove is that it is willing to dismiss facts in favor of pushing an agenda. Pruitt must continue charting the EPA's path toward a balance between environmental concerns and economic development and security, rather than be distracted by the baseless attacks from political opponents, and President Trump needs to stand behind this stalwart of his administration, who is big part of what is needed to make America great again."

[[HYPERLINK "http://www.freedomworks.org/content/freedomworks-foundation-praises-scott-pruitt%E2%80%99s-record-epa"](http://www.freedomworks.org/content/freedomworks-foundation-praises-scott-pruitt%E2%80%99s-record-epa)]: **Continues to support the leadership of Administrator Scott Pruitt.** "Adam Brandon: 'Scott Pruitt has worked hard to return the EPA to its core mission: protecting the environment as directed by Congress; instead of the rogue assault on the rule of law, freedom, and the economy that we saw in the prior administration.' Ken Cuccinelli: 'Unlike his predecessors, EPA Administrator Pruitt has core environmental accomplishments to his credit: like actually making progress on the long-dormant superfund sites and attacking the problem of lead in drinking water. These are basic responsibilities for the EPA, yet they were abject failures prior to Pruitt's arrival.'"

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(1/3) Let me get this straight

The media is attacking EPA Commissioner, Scott Pruitt, because they say he paid too much for certain plane tickets, but too little for renting a room to sleep in?...Also they are attacking him because he pays women as much as men in the same roles

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Their phony, hypocritical attacks ring are pathetic...

The truth is, they despise him because he is rare combination of intellect, competence and fearlessness and their liberal friends feel threatened by him...

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Other than @POTUS, there is arguably no individual in America doing more to cut red tape and instill common sense into the political swamp than @EPAScottPruitt ...

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The job creators in America (and this governor, among others) are grateful to @EPAScottPruitt for his efforts, and look forward to many more years of his bold, transformational leadership at @EPA

Ignore the nattering nabobs of negativism and keep marching...

Onward and upward!

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This Pruitt flap is absurd. Obama EPA officials spent as much or more on travel. And career EPA ethics officials say he paid "reasonable market value" for the condo, and leasor had no business in front of EPA. The press might at least try to pretend it didn't have two standards.

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The media & other resistance leaders biggest target is Scott Pruitt. He's easily the most effective cabinet secretary. Would be huge victory for them, and huge loss for Trump, if they can pressure POTUS here.

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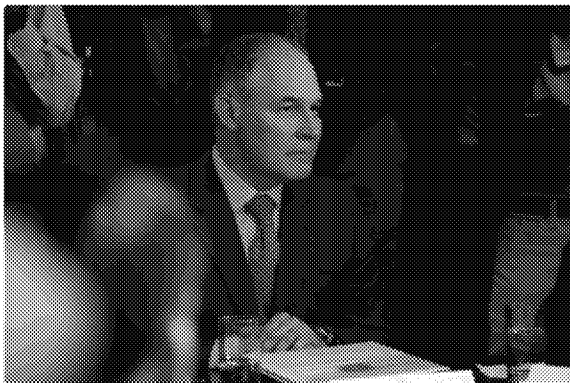


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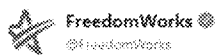


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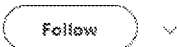
It's no surprise that the media is fixated on Scott Pruitt's living arrangements rather than praising his EPA reforms. #AMPFW



While media fixate on Scott Pruitt's living arrangements, his EPA reforms are ...
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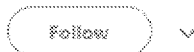
Scott Pruitt and Jeff Sessions are two of my fav cabinet picks Trump made. He really needs to back these guys... They're doing good things.

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Thanks @EPAScottPruitt for advancing 22 deregulatory actions saving \$1 billion for #America helping #counties #Transportation champion of #WaterRights @NACoTweets @myokacco

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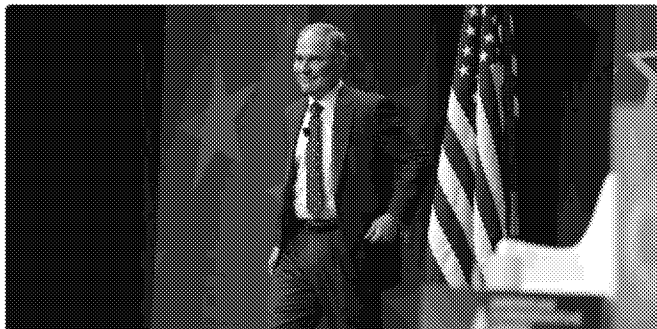


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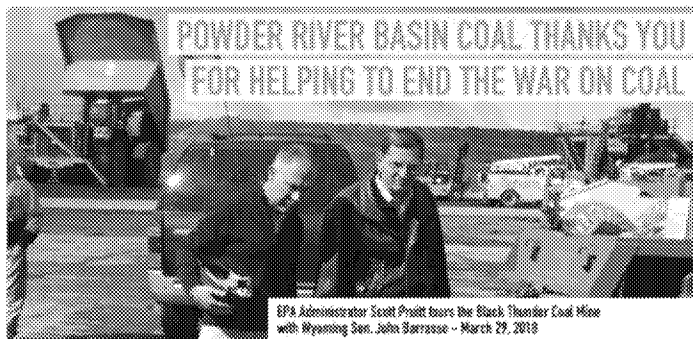


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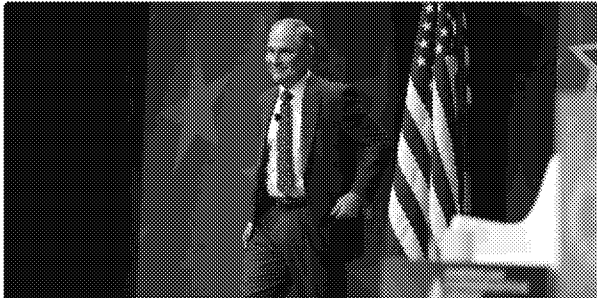
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Arkansas Farm Bureau President Randy Veach talks about a new level of cooperation with @EPA after meeting recently with @EPAScottPruitt and then following up Tuesday with a conversation with ROA Region 6 administrator Anne Idsal. See the video here: [facebook.com/ArkansasFarmBu ...](https://facebook.com/ArkansasFarmBureau)

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"Administrator Pruitt has been instrumental in carrying out President Trump's deregulatory agenda at the EPA," Inhofe said in a statement. "I look forward to continuing to work with him to restore the EPA to its proper size and scope."

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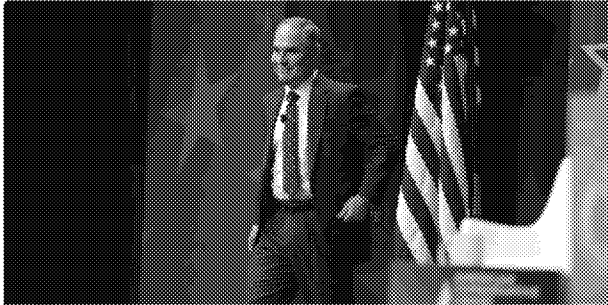


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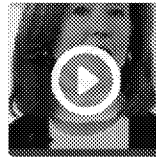
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3 reasons why the left is going bonkers over
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Hint: It's not about his bedroom rental.



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The Daily Signal's Genevieve Wood explains why the left is going after Scott Pruitt.

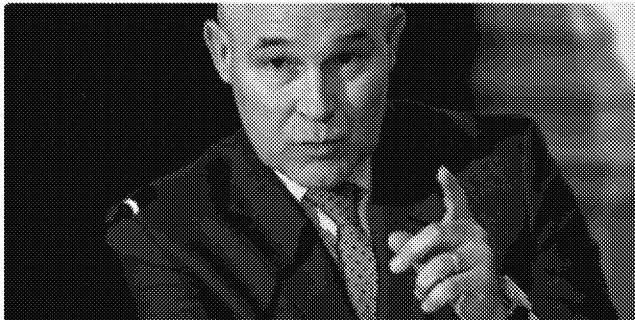
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"This notion that we cannot be about jobs and stewardship of the environment is just simply not right," says @EPAScottPruitt. "We can do both together."

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To: brian.baenig@beetsugar.org

Brian, can I reach you this weekend? My cell is **Ex. 6** Thanks.

Ryan Jackson
Chief of Staff
U.S. EPA
Ex. 6

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To: Russell, Richard (EPW) [Richard_Russell@epw.senate.gov]
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One more piece of information

From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Tuesday, April 3, 2018 3:22 PM
To: 'Russell, Richard (EPW)' <Richard_Russell@epw.senate.gov>
Subject: Pruitt record

I'm providing information like the attached and the following to a number of offices.

"In just one year, we have made tremendous progress implementing President Trump's agenda by refocusing the Agency to its core mission, restoring power to the states through cooperative federalism, and adhering to the rule of law," **said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt**. "The American people can now trust that states and stakeholders will be treated as partners, and regulations will provide clarity, not confusion."

The sum of these actions is monumental: In year one, ***EPA finalized 22 deregulatory actions, which could save Americans more than \$1 billion in regulatory costs.***

By the Numbers:

✓ IMPLEMENTING EXECUTIVE ORDERS (E.O.): EPA quickly acted on President Donald Trump's E.O. to review the 2015 definition of "Waters of the U.S.," President Trump's Energy Independence E.O. to propose a repeal of the so-called "Clean Power Plan," and President Trump's "Regulatory Reform" E.O. 13777 by finalizing two deregulatory actions for each regulatory action – with ZERO net costs to the U.S. economy.

✓ REGULATORY REFORM: 22 deregulatory actions were finalized, which could save more than \$1 billion in regulatory costs; EPA also initiated work on an additional 44 deregulatory actions and announced the reconsideration of over a dozen overreaching and burdensome regulations.

✓ OUTREACH: Administrator Pruitt consulted with 95 bipartisan members of Congress, 34 bipartisan governors, visited 30 states and U.S. territories, and met with over 350 stakeholder groups.

✓ AIR: EPA acted on 322 State Implementation Plans (SIPs) and turned one Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) into a SIP each month since March 1, 2017.

✓ WATER: 3,000 Total Maximum Daily Loads were approved and EPA focused on the priority water bodies selected by states. EPA also: cut the amount of time it took to review state water quality standards in half (from 120 days to 60); committed \$25 million in water infrastructure loans; disbursed \$8.9 billion in State Revolving Funds to improve our nation's water quality; and awarded \$100 million to Flint, Michigan for water infrastructure upgrades.

✓ LAND: Seven contaminated sites were eliminated, substantially or entirely, from the National Priorities List (NPL) of contaminated sites; only two sites were removed the previous year. EPA also awarded \$60 million in Brownfields cleanup grants to local communities.

✓ CHEMICALS: 600 new chemical submissions were stuck in the Agency's backlog as of January 2017; EPA cleared the backlog and ensured that all new chemicals coming to market received a safety determination within about 90 days.

✓ ENFORCEMENT: In FY17, \$1.6 billion was collected in administrative and civil judicial penalties, higher than any of the previous ten years, other than FY16, which included one \$5.7 billion action taken. EPA also celebrated an increase in the value of commitments by private parties to clean up land to more than \$1.2 billion, an increase in the total of criminal fines, restitution and mitigation to \$2.98 billion, and an increase in the value of actions to improve compliance to nearly \$20 billion.

For full review click [here](#).

Ryan Jackson
Chief of Staff
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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[HYPERLINK "<http://thefederalist.com/2018/04/04/scott-pruitt-is-trumps-biggest-asset-thats-why-the-left-wants-him-gone/>"]: **Scott Pruitt Is Trump's Biggest Asset. That's Why the Left Wants Him Gone.** "After Donald Trump, the individual in DC with the biggest target on his back is Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt. When he was attorney general of Oklahoma, he sued the EPA more than a dozen times to get the powerful regulatory agency to stay within its legal authority. His nomination was deeply concerning to radical environmentalists inside and outside the media. As a result, he and his team have been under a microscope since even before his confirmation in early 2017. Well-funded environmental groups, many with former EPA staffers, deluge the agency with FOIA requests to catch someone in a scandal. Unlike how they covered Obama-era EPA administrators, media outlets constantly request information about everything Pruitt does, from his schedule to his travel particulars. Whipped-up partisans have made unprecedented numbers of death threats against him and his family. Powerful liberals opine against him."

[HYPERLINK "<https://www.redstate.com/streiff/2018/04/04/people-supposed-conservative-trying-torpedo-scott-pruitt/>"] **Why are people who are supposed to be conservative trying to torpedo Scott Pruitt?** "Pruitt is a guy we should all be lining up to defend. Under Pruitt, the EPA accepted responsibility for the disastrous spill it created at the Gold King mine in Colorado. And he committed substantial resources to the clean-up. He's prioritized the clean-up of Super Fund sites that have lingered for decades. He has taken fire and sword to the onerous regulatory strait jacket the Obama administration tried to impose on the US economy. Pruitt had begun the repeal of Obama's Clean Power Plan coal regs and the Obama-era Clean Power Plan. Under Pruitt, an executive order was issued to rescind the EPA's overreaching Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule that often allowed the EPA to claim jurisdiction over literal mudholes."

[HYPERLINK "<http://thehill.com/opinion/energy-environment/381508-epa-chief-scott-pruitt-gets-results-thats-why-hes-a-target-of-the>"] **EPA Chief Scott Pruitt Gets Results — That's Why He's A Target Of The Left.** "President Donald Trump is standing by his embattled Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt, according to reports. Let's be clear, that is good thing for both Trump and the country. Pruitt is one of the shining stars of the Trump administration, and no one who supports the president's "Make America Great Again" agenda should want him replaced...Yet some hope that by attacking Pruitt on fake ethics charges, the media-created scandal will cause the Trump White House to either foolishly force Pruitt out or cause him to throw up his hands in disgust and resign. This would be a disaster for President Trump and all of us who care about his success."

[HYPERLINK "<https://www.themaven.net/theresurgent/erick-erickson/firing-scott-pruitt-will-only-embolden-the-left-98kPgKgnh06CbFwqAwBc9A/>"] **Firing Scott Pruitt Will Only Embolden the Left.** "Scott Pruitt is being targeted because he is effective. The President needs to stand behind Pruitt. It is an open secret in Washington that a leftwing opposition research firm has hired investigators to dig into Trump Administration officials. It is no coincidence that many of the accusations, like with former Secretary of Health and Human Services Tom Price, involve private air travel and the like. It is what these investigators focus on to give the media easy stories."

[HYPERLINK "<https://www.dailysignal.com/2018/04/04/3-reasons-left-hates-scott-pruitt/>"] **3 Reasons the Left Hates Scott Pruitt.** "From the Clean Power Plan, which was all about Obama's climate agenda and which had nothing to do with creating clean air (we already have laws about that), to the Waters of the United States regulation which could turn a puddle in your front yard into environmentally-protected swamp land—Pruitt has been rolling back many of the regulations put in place by Obama's overzealous, power-grabbing, and arguably unconstitutional EPA."

[HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2018/apr/3/president-trump-should-stand-his-man-epa-scott-pru/?utm_campaign=shareaholic&utm_medium=twitter&utm_source=socialnetwork"]: **President Trump should stand by his man at EPA; Scott Pruitt deserves no less.** "EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt has been the most effective cabinet secretary President Trump has had during his 14-month presidency. He has loyally carried out the president's aggressive

agenda against out-of-control federal regulations that stifle economic growth and kill American jobs. Pruitt has faithfully fulfilled Trump's campaign promises by rolling back Obama-era environmental overreach and halting most new regulations that were in the pipeline when he inherited the bloated agency from his predecessor, Gina McCarthy. Pruitt has spearheaded Trump's agenda with impactful moves like pulling out of the Paris climate accords, reforming CAFE standards and rolling back the obtrusive way the EPA administered the Clean Water Act. As the man willing to attack these sacred cows of the Left Pruitt has been rewarded with legitimate and specific death threats against himself and his family."

[[HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/while-media-fixate-on-scott-pruitts-living-arrangements-his-epa-reforms-are-praiseworthy"](https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/while-media-fixate-on-scott-pruitts-living-arrangements-his-epa-reforms-are-praiseworthy)]: **While media fixate on Scott Pruitt's living arrangements, his EPA reforms are praiseworthy.** "Pruitt's efforts to alleviate the regulatory burden on average Americans while working to restore sound scientific practices within the EPA arguably rank among the Trump administration's most significant policy achievements. EPA officials quoted in the press have said Pruitt's living arrangements did not violate ethics rules. Even if there is no technical violation, appearances matter in Washington. That's especially true for someone who has been remarkably effective up until now in advancing the Trump administration's efforts to free the economy from centralized planning in Washington."

[[HYPERLINK "https://www.dailysignal.com/2018/04/03/ethics-officials-okd-bedroom-rental-epa-chief-says/"](https://www.dailysignal.com/2018/04/03/ethics-officials-okd-bedroom-rental-epa-chief-says/)]: **Exclusive: EPA Chief Scott Pruitt Says Media Reports About Him Don't Tell True Story.** "'We had a memo and a statement from career ethics officials here that have actually reviewed the lease, that actually reviewed comps—comparables of similar units,' Pruitt, the former attorney general of Oklahoma, told The Daily Signal. 'And I think what's missed in this: I didn't rent a unit,' Pruitt said. 'I didn't rent an apartment. This was an Airbnb-type situation where I rented literally one room that was used in a temporary status, until I found more permanent residence.'"

[[HYPERLINK "https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2018/04/04/president-trump-his-corner-scott-pruitts-job-epa-looks-safe-now/485083002/"](https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2018/04/04/president-trump-his-corner-scott-pruitts-job-epa-looks-safe-now/485083002/)] **With President Trump in his corner, Scott Pruitt's job at EPA looks safe – for now.** "'Why go and replace someone who's doing a very good job (carrying out) the president's agenda,' said Jason Miller, a former senior communications adviser to the Trump campaign and transition team. 'It hasn't gone unnoticed that Administrator Pruitt is accomplishing a lot for the president and in a much quicker time period than anyone thought possible.'"

[[HYPERLINK "http://dailycaller.com/2018/04/04/conservative-pundits-rally-to-epas-scott-pruitt-as-dems-call-for-his-head/"](http://dailycaller.com/2018/04/04/conservative-pundits-rally-to-epas-scott-pruitt-as-dems-call-for-his-head/)]: **Conservative Pundits Rally to EPA's Scott Pruitt as Dems Call for His Head.** "Conservative allies have come to the aid of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt as lawmakers, environmental activists and pundits call for his resignation... Wall Street Journal columnist Kimberley Strassel called the wave of anti-Pruitt stories "absurd," pointing out that Obama EPA officials spent more on travel and that agency ethics officials approved of the administrator's temporary living arrangement in the condo."

[[HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/washington-secrets/scott-pruitt-washington-toxic-critics-trying-stop-trump-agenda"](https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/washington-secrets/scott-pruitt-washington-toxic-critics-trying-stop-trump-agenda)]: **Embattled Scott Pruitt Rips 'Toxic' Washington, Says Critics 'Will Resort To Anything' To Stop Trump Agenda.** "EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt on Tuesday forcefully pushed back against criticism that he won a short-term sweetheart rental deal from a lobbyist friend, claiming it's just the latest attempt by his and the president's attackers to 'resort to anything' to stop their agenda. 'There are people that have long in this town done business a different way and this agency has been the poster child of it. And so do I think that because we are leading on this agenda that there are some who want to keep that from happening? Absolutely. And do I think that they will resort to anything to achieve that? Yes,' he said in an interview with Secrets. 'It's toxic here in that regard,' said Pruitt, one of a handful of President's Trump's agency heads who is scoring wins on his pro-jobs, anti-regulatory campaign. Pruitt, speaking confidently about his future, said that critics who have focused on his \$50 a night room rental in an Airbnb-style townhouse and his air travel are really out to stop the administration's anti-regulatory effort that has saved \$8 billion overall and \$1 billion in reduced Environmental Protection Agency regulations."

[HYPERLINK "<https://www.cnn.com/2018/04/03/politics/scott-pruitt-donald-trump-environment-policy/index.html>"] **EPA's Pruitt Fulfilling Trump's Anti-Regulatory Agenda.** "Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt is drawing scrutiny for his housing situation and travel practices, but in his role as the nation's top environmental official, he's a reliable administration foot soldier, making good on President Donald Trump's campaign promises for fewer environmental regulations and to withdraw from the Paris climate agreement. Since he was confirmed to the job last February, Pruitt has taken an aggressive approach to rolling back Obama-era regulations, most recently this week's announcement that he would revise fuel efficiency rules designed to cut back on emissions of greenhouse gases. "This is another step in the President's regulatory agenda, de-regulatory agenda ... a billion dollars in savings with respect to over 22 significant regulatory actions that we've been involved in here at the agency," Pruitt said at EPA headquarters Tuesday."

[HYPERLINK "<https://www.eenews.net/stories/1060078051>"] **Conservatives Rally Behind Pruitt.** "Conservatives are supporting U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt as he struggles with reports of premium travel, high-price security and ties to lobbyists. Myron Ebell, who led President Trump's EPA transition team, told E&E News that Pruitt has been consequential in achieving the president's goals. Pruitt has proposed repealing several Obama-era regulations, winning plaudits from free-market and business groups that have long battled with EPA. "We're getting the word out that Administrator Pruitt is doing a good job in implementing the president's agenda and Administrator Pruitt is a key part of that agenda," Ebell said. "We're trying to keep the free-market groups and the conservative groups together in support of the agenda." Ebell, director of the Competitive Enterprise Institute's Center for Energy and Environment, talked to E&E News on his way to EPA headquarters today to attend Pruitt's announcement of the rollback of Obama-era auto fuel efficiency standards. Ebell declined to speculate whether Pruitt's job is in jeopardy."

[HYPERLINK "<https://hotair.com/archives/2018/04/04/interview-scott-pruitt-talking-regulatory-reform-scandals-rfs-swamp-monsters/>"] **Pruitt talks streamlining the agency, RFS, and "the swamp."** Administrator Pruitt does not admit to being a cryptozoological creature, nor can he confirm that he will be starring as a villain in an upcoming Marvel superhero movie. There's more about the EPA's move to only accept real science rather than secret science in their decision-making process as well as some hints at new regulatory moves on the horizon.



[HYPERLINK "<https://www.npr.org/2018/04/04/599361744/working-with-scott-pruitt>"] **Lawyer David Rivkin worked with Pruitt and talks with NPR's David Greene.**



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Working With Scott Pruitt

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Political pressure is building on Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt. Lawyer David Rivkin worked with Pruitt and talks with NPR's David Greene.

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING...

[[HYPERLINK "http://dailymirror.com/2018/04/if-environmental-radicals-are-in-full-panic-mode-over-scott-pruitt-at-epa-that-means-he-is-doing-a-good-job/"](http://dailymirror.com/2018/04/if-environmental-radicals-are-in-full-panic-mode-over-scott-pruitt-at-epa-that-means-he-is-doing-a-good-job/)] **If environmental radicals are in full panic mode over Scott Pruitt at EPA, that means he is doing a good job.** "The left has spent over a decade trying to expand the influence and oversight of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), but the American people voted against this influence when they elected President Trump to prioritize economic advancement. Trump followed through on this promise by appointing Scott Pruitt as EPA Administrator. The left is now trying everything to destroy his position and defame his record, but Pruitt must power through, his job is far too important...Scott Pruitt has done his job, and he has done it well. All the left's continued attacks prove is that it is willing to dismiss facts in favor of pushing an agenda. Pruitt must continue charting the EPA's path toward a balance between environmental concerns and economic development and security, rather than be distracted by the baseless attacks from political opponents, and President Trump needs to stand behind this stalwart of his administration, who is big part of what is needed to make America great again."

[[HYPERLINK "http://www.freedomworks.org/content/freedomworks-foundation-praises-scott-pruitt%E2%80%99s-record-epa"](http://www.freedomworks.org/content/freedomworks-foundation-praises-scott-pruitt%E2%80%99s-record-epa)]: **Continues to support the leadership of Administrator Scott Pruitt.** "Adam Brandon: 'Scott Pruitt has worked hard to return the EPA to its core mission: protecting the environment as directed by Congress; instead of the rogue assault on the rule of law, freedom, and the economy that we saw in the prior administration.' Ken Cuccinelli: 'Unlike his predecessors, EPA Administrator Pruitt has core environmental accomplishments to his credit: like actually making progress on the long-dormant superfund sites and attacking the problem of lead in drinking water. These are basic responsibilities for the EPA, yet they were abject failures prior to Pruitt's arrival.'"

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The media is attacking EPA Commissioner, Scott Pruitt, because they say he paid too much for certain plane tickets, but too little for renting a room to sleep in?...Also they are attacking him because he pays women as much as men in the same roles

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The job creators in America (and this governor, among others) are grateful to @EPAScottPruitt for his efforts, and look forward to many more years of his bold, transformational leadership at @EPA

Ignore the nattering nabobs of negativism and keep marching...

Onward and upward!

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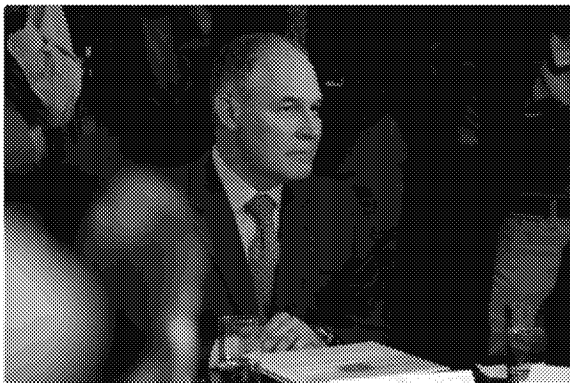


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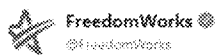


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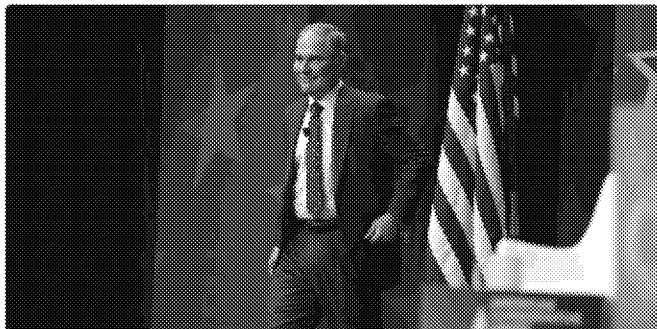


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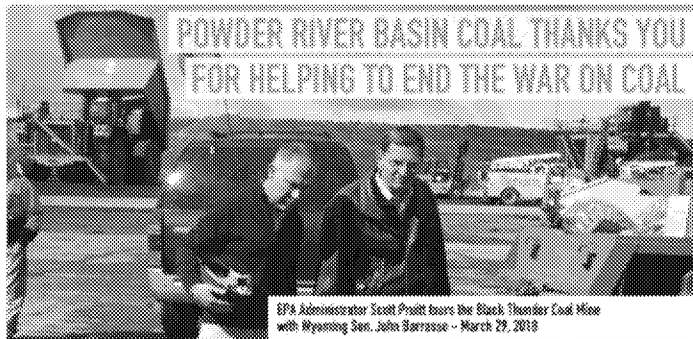


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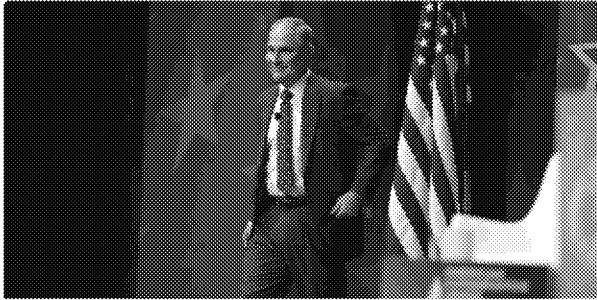
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Arkansas Farm Bureau Ppresident Randy Veach talks about a new level of cooperation with @EPA after meeting recently with @EPAScottPruitt and then following up Tuesday with a conversation with ROA Region 6 administrator Anne Idsal. See the video here: [facebook.com/ArkansasFarmBu ...](https://www.facebook.com/ArkansasFarmBureau)

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"Administrator Pruitt has been instrumental in carrying out President Trump's deregulatory agenda at the EPA," Inhofe said in a statement. "I look forward to continuing to work with him to restore the EPA to its proper size and scope."

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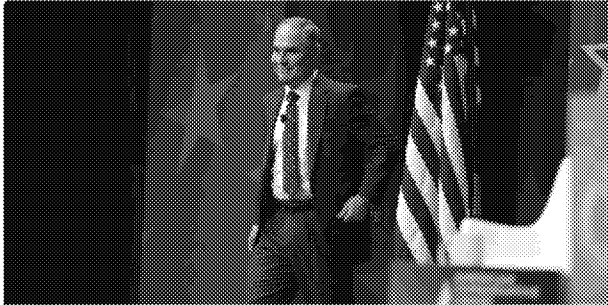


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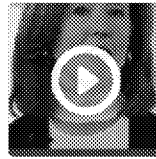
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3 reasons why the left is going bonkers over
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Hint: It's not about his bedroom rental.



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The Daily Signal's Genevieve Wood explains why the left is going after Scott Pruitt.

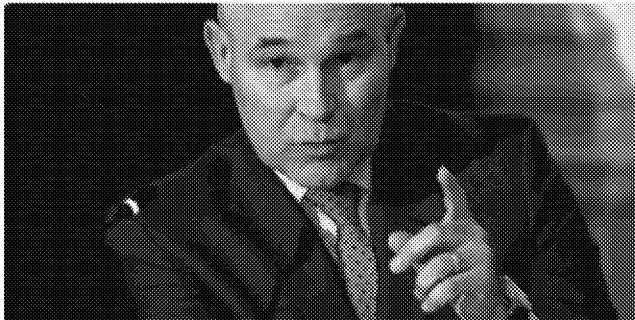
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"This notion that we cannot be about jobs and stewardship of the environment is just simply not right," says @EPAScottPruitt. "We can do both together."

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Sent: 4/3/2018 7:34:16 PM
To: David_cleary@alexander.senate.gov
Subject: Pruitt record
Attachments: Reg Reform Accomplishments 03.16.2018.docx; Evaluation of Lease Agreement2018-03-30-152600.pdf

David, as an Interior/Environment appropriator, I'm sure your boss will receive questions concerning Pruitt. We are trying to keep things on the record over the past year. Happy to answer any questions about anything and hope the attached and following help your office with both.

"In just one year, we have made tremendous progress implementing President Trump's agenda by refocusing the Agency to its core mission, restoring power to the states through cooperative federalism, and adhering to the rule of law," said **EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt**. "The American people can now trust that states and stakeholders will be treated as partners, and regulations will provide clarity, not confusion."

The sum of these actions is monumental: In year one, ***EPA finalized 22 deregulatory actions, which could save Americans more than \$1 billion in regulatory costs.***

By the Numbers:

✓ **IMPLEMENTING EXECUTIVE ORDERS (E.O.):** EPA quickly acted on President Donald Trump's E.O. to review the 2015 definition of "Waters of the U.S.;" President Trump's Energy Independence E.O. to propose a repeal of the so-called "Clean Power Plan;" and President Trump's "Regulatory Reform" E.O. 13777 by finalizing two deregulatory actions for each regulatory action – with ZERO net costs to the U.S. economy.

✓ **REGULATORY REFORM:** 22 deregulatory actions were finalized, which could save more than \$1 billion in regulatory costs; EPA also initiated work on an additional 44 deregulatory actions and announced the reconsideration of over a dozen overreaching and burdensome regulations.

✓ **OUTREACH:** Administrator Pruitt consulted with 95 bipartisan members of Congress, 34 bipartisan governors, visited 30 states and U.S. territories, and met with over 350 stakeholder groups.

✓ **AIR:** EPA acted on 322 State Implementation Plans (SIPs) and turned one Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) into a SIP each month since March 1, 2017.

✓ **WATER:** 3,000 Total Maximum Daily Loads were approved and EPA focused on the priority water bodies selected by states. EPA also: cut the amount of time it took to review state water quality standards in half (from 120 days to 60); committed \$25 million in water infrastructure loans; disbursed \$8.9 billion in State Revolving Funds to improve our nation's water quality; and awarded \$100 million to Flint, Michigan for water infrastructure upgrades.

✓ LAND: Seven contaminated sites were eliminated, substantially or entirely, from the National Priorities List (NPL) of contaminated sites; only two sites were removed the previous year. EPA also awarded \$60 million in Brownfields cleanup grants to local communities.

✓ CHEMICALS: 600 new chemical submissions were stuck in the Agency's backlog as of January 2017; EPA cleared the backlog and ensured that all new chemicals coming to market received a safety determination within about 90 days.

✓ ENFORCEMENT: In FY17, \$1.6 billion was collected in administrative and civil judicial penalties, higher than any of the previous ten years, other than FY16, which included one \$5.7 billion action taken. EPA also celebrated an increase in the value of commitments by private parties to clean up land to more than \$1.2 billion, an increase in the total of criminal fines, restitution and mitigation to \$2.98 billion, and an increase in the value of actions to improve compliance to nearly \$20 billion.

For full review click [here](#).

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Washington, D.C. 20460

MAR 30 2018

OFFICE OF
GENERAL COUNSEL

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Review of Lease Agreement Under the Federal Ethics Regulations Regarding Gifts

FROM: Kevin S. Minoli *KS*
Designated Agency Ethics Official &
Principal Deputy General Counsel

TO: Matthew Z. Leopold
General Counsel

As requested, the Ethics Office reviewed the lease agreement entered into by E. Scott Pruitt (TENANT) and Vicki Hart (LANDLORD) under the federal ethics regulations regarding gifts. The regulations issued by the Office of Government Ethics are clear that if a federal employee pays market value for something, it is by definition not a gift under those regulations. 5 C.F.R. 2635.203(b)(10)(excluding from the definition of gift "[a]nything for which market value is paid by the employee"). Market value for rental apartments is commonly thought of in terms of rental cost per month. Under the terms of the lease, if the space was utilized for one 30-day month, then the rental cost would be \$1500, which is a reasonable market value. The lease authorized use by the Administrator and his immediate family, specifically including his spouse and children, and consistent with that provision of the lease his immediate family did stay there when they were in Washington, DC. The lease did not require payment when the property was not utilized. Neither of these two provisions render the rental cost under the lease as something other than market value. Therefore, entering into the lease was consistent with federal ethics regulations regarding gifts, and use of the property in accordance with the lease agreement did not constitute a gift as defined in those regulations.

Internal/Deliberative Process
EPA REGULATORY REFORM UNDER ADMINISTRATOR PRUITT'S LEADERSHIP
Updated March 16, 2018

OVERVIEW:

- Administrator Pruitt is working to fulfill EPA's core mission of protecting our environment while implementing President Trump's executive orders to reduce unnecessary regulatory burdens, save manufacturing jobs, streamline our permitting processes, and promote American energy independence and rural prosperity.

REGULATORY STATISTICS UNDER THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION:

- According to the White House Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) most recent report to Congress on the Benefits and Costs of Federal Regulations, over the last decade, EPA regulations imposed annual costs of **\$43.2 to 50.9 billion** – more than the cost of all other federal agencies *combined*.
- That same report showed that, over the last decade, EPA issued more major rules¹ than *any* other federal agency.
- According to EPA's internal database, the Agency issued 20 deregulatory actions from 2009 to 2017.

REDUCING UNNECESSARY REGULATORY BURDEN UNDER ADMINISTRATOR PRUITT:

- In accordance with E.O. 13771, for Fiscal Year 2017, EPA finalized at least 2 deregulatory actions for each new regulatory action. Additionally, EPA rules imposed no new net costs. EPA expects to impose no additional net costs in Fiscal Year 2018 as well.
- Under Administrator Pruitt's leadership, EPA has finalized **24 deregulatory actions** that saved the American people more than **\$1 billion** in regulatory costs.
- EPA has also initiated work on an additional 42 deregulatory actions.

OTHER REGULATORY REFORM MEASURES:

- Issued an Agency-wide directive in October 2017 to end "sue and settle" practices within the Agency, putting an end to regulation by litigation.
- Issued a directive in October 2017 to ensure the independence of EPA's Federal Advisory Committees (FACs) by prohibiting members from serving on a FAC while simultaneously receiving grants from the Agency. In addition, the directive called for more geographic diversity on FACs, more frequent rotation in membership, and greater involvement by state, local, and tribal officials.
- Develop a directive to strengthen transparency and reproducibility for EPA's regulatory science.
- Develop an ANPRM on Increasing Consistency, Reliability, and Transparency in the Rulemaking Process to help inform implementing regulations for how EPA evaluates costs and benefits of rules. The Agency plans to issue this ANPRM in April 2018.
- Improve EPA's internal rulemaking process by updating the *Guidelines for Producing Economic Analysis*, which govern how the Agency conducts benefit-cost analysis and other regulatory impact analyses.
- EPA was the first federal agency to provide updated estimates of the social cost of carbon and methane consistent with E.O. 13783 (e.g, 2016 SCC=\$36/metric ton CO₂ @3% in 2015; 2017 SCC=\$5/metric ton CO₂ @3% in 2015).
- Issue permitting decisions in 6 months by 2020.
- Reduce the regulated community reporting and recordkeeping burden by 10 million hours by 2022.

¹ For which both benefits and costs have been estimated

KEY DEREGULATORY ACTIONS:

- ✓ **WOTUS:** EPA estimated the 2015 WOTUS rule had an annualized cost of up to \$462.9 million. Per E.O. 13778, EPA and the Army Corps issued a proposed repeal of the rule in June 2017, which could produce \$313.9 million in annualized cost-savings. In January 2018, the agencies issued a final rule to change the applicability date of the rule to February 2020 to allow time to reconsider the rule. As a second step, the agencies are developing a revised definition of WOTUS.
- ✓ **Clean Power Plan and Related Actions:** In 2015, EPA estimated that the CPP could cost \$5 to 8 billion in 2030 and result in a loss of roughly 34,000 jobs in 2030. The Energy Information Administration (EIA) estimated a loss of about 376,000 jobs under the CPP in 2030. Per E.O. 13783, EPA announced its withdrawal of the Federal Plan/Trading Rule/Framework Amendments under the CPP and its review of the New Source Performance Standards for coal-fired power plants on March 28, 2017. In October 2017, EPA issued a proposed repeal of the CPP saving \$33 billion in 2030. In December 2017, the Agency issued an ANPRM to solicit information from the public about a potential future rulemaking to limit greenhouse gas emissions from existing power plants.
- ✓ **Coal Combustion Residuals:** The 2015 CCR rule had an annualized cost of up to \$735 million. In March 2018, Administrator Pruitt signed the first of 2 rules that amend the 2015 rule and could produce \$100 million in annualized cost-savings.
- ✓ **Risk Management Plan:** The RMP Amendments rule had an annualized cost of \$131.8 million. In June 2017, EPA issued a final rule extending the effective date of the rule by 2 years while the Agency reconsiders the rule. In March 2018, EPA sent a draft reconsideration rule to OMB for interagency review.
- ✓ **Vehicle GHG Standards:** In March 2017, EPA and DOT announced their reconsideration of the prior administration's determination and plans to issue a Final Determination by April 1, 2018. In August 2017, EPA also announced its intent to reconsider provisions of the greenhouse gas standards for medium- and heavy-duty vehicles. In November 2017, the Agency issued a proposed rule to repeal emission requirements for glider kits, and provisions for trailers have been stayed by courts.
- ✓ **New Source Review:** In order to improve the NSR program, EPA planned to issue a series of memos on NSR reform. In December 2017, EPA issued guidance about the process of determining whether or not a project at an existing facility triggers NSR requirements (known as the "applicability determination"). In January 2018, EPA issued guidance withdrawing the 1995 "once-in-always-in" policy. In March 2018, EPA issued a memo that provides guidance for accounting changes in emissions from a project under the NSR program when determining whether a project will result in a significant emissions increase.
- ✓ **Methane Oil and Gas Rule:** The 2016 Oil and Gas Methane New Source Performance Standards for new and modified sources would have had an annualized cost of up to \$640 million in 2025. Additionally, many of its benefits relied on an overestimated social cost of methane. Per E.O. 13783, EPA announced its intent to reconsider the rule in April 2017. In June 2017, EPA issued a proposed short- and long-term delay of the rule. In March 2018, EPA amended 2 provisions of the rule to address immediate concerns with requirements pertaining to fugitive emissions. On the same day, EPA withdrew the Oil & Gas Control Technique Guidelines (CTG) saving \$14 to \$16 million in regulatory costs.
- ✓ **Methane Information Collection Request:** The methane ICR for the oil and gas sector had a compliance cost of more than \$40 million. In March 2017, EPA rescinded the ICR.
- ✓ **Steam Electric Effluent Limitation Guidelines:** EPA estimated the 2015 Steam ELG rule could have cost \$1.2 billion per year in the first 5 years with an annualized cost of \$480 million. Additionally, EPA estimated the rule could have reduced total operations and maintenance labor at coal-fired electric plants by the equivalent of 835 full-time employees in 2030. In September 2017, EPA issued a final rule to postpone compliance deadlines by 2 years, providing relief during the Agency's reconsideration, which could produce \$36.8 million in annualized cost-savings.

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Subject: Re: thanks

No kidding. It's just as slow here it seems anyway.

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On Mar 22, 2018, at 4:54 PM, JMS <jms@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Nuclear wast off floor in April then on the rfs. Don't screw is up.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 22, 2018, at 4:20 PM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

Congratulations on the upcoming enactment of your bill reauthorizing the brownfields program.

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